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FOR THESE WE FIGHT



In South Australia in 1893 the number of babies who died under 12 months old was 1,245. In 1894 women got the vote; new laws and regulations were brought in, and in 1908 the number of babies who died under 12 months old was 616, less than half what it was before.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

The Cabinet Council on Wednesday afternoon discussed the question of providing facilities this session for the Woman Suffrage Bill. It is understood that, owing to differences of opinion, they did not come to a final decision and will reconsider the question next week. It is expected that a deputation from the Conciliation Committee will interview Mr. Asquith on Monday next.

A Motion to ask for Time.

In the meanwhile Sir George Kemp and Mr. Philip Snowden have given notice of the following motion:— That the Women's Enfranchisement Bill have the same precedence when it is set down for consideration with the consent of the Government on days on which Government business has precedence as though it were a Bill in charge of a Minister of the Crown.

It is hoped that it will not be necessary to proceed with this motion but that the Government will of its own accord grant time for the later stages of the Bill.

Support of the Liberal Press.

We gladly acknowledge the support we have received from the two most prominent Liberal dailies. In its issue of Monday last *The Manchester Guardian*, after taking a comprehensive view of the work of the present Parliament, stated:—

If it is hard to find time and peace for a non-party measure this session it will be harder next session, and if the opportunity be not made this session or next session the Bill will be at the absolute mercy of the House of Lords as well as of that even more redoubtable assemblage known as the chapter of accidents. If therefore, Mr. Asquith wishes to keep his promise in substance and effect, or perhaps even to keep it at all, it is clear that the time for doing so is now.

And after proceeding to show that a failure to deal with the question of Woman Suffrage must undoubtedly bring about the disintegration of the Liberal Party, it concluded by urging the Prime Minister either himself to promise facilities this session or to allow the House

to decide the matter. The *Daily News*, in an equally emphatic pronouncement, remarked:

If the House is refused, without a convincing reason, the time necessary for disposing completely of the Bill then both the liberties and the credit of the House will suffer even more seriously than a reform which is long overdue.

and after disposing of the argument of lack of time, it appealed to the Government to allow the "House of Commons to have freedom to carry the reform to which it is pledged."

Sir John Rolleston, M.P., on the Bill.

A crowded meeting was held by the Women's Social and Political Union at the London Pavilion on Monday afternoon last, when Sir John Rolleston spoke in favour of the immediate passage of the Conciliation Bill. He intended, he said, to impress upon the House the ardour, the sincerity and the strength that this movement had behind it, and also the disappointment and even anger which would be felt if women were to be further tantalised by disappointment and delay. If Mr. Asquith and the Government failed to put themselves into line with popular opinion respectfully and constitutionally expressed with ardour and sincerity, their professed belief in the supremacy of the House of Commons would be exposed to the doubt and scepticism of the public.

Colonial Women and Mr. Asquith.

The Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Committee, as the result of a resolution carried at a meeting held at the house of Lady Brassey, have written to Mr. Asquith asking him to receive a deputation in order that they may lay before him the position of women from Aus-

Italy and New Zealand under the Naturalisation Acts when they come to England.

Lord Brassey's Views.

Lord Brassey, in declaring his complete adhesion to Woman Suffrage, said, at a recent meeting held at Hastings, that his experience in other parts of the Empire convinced him that not only would social improvement receive a new impetus when women had the Parliamentary vote, but also that external affairs, foreign policy and defensive preparations could be quite safely entrusted to an electorate composed of men and women, as was already the case in New Zealand and Australia.

The Imperial Conference.

The proposal of Sir John Ward for the formation of an Imperial Council of State with representatives from all the self-governing colonies, marks afresh the anomalous condition of our franchise laws. If this advisory council existed to-day, it would be composed partly of those responsible to women as well as to men, and partly of those elected by men alone; in consequence the point of view of women would not receive its proper weight. It must be patent to everyone that when the Imperial bonds are being drawn closer, the time has come to break down all over the Empire the sex barrier to the franchise, which has already disappeared in the more enlightened colonies. Miss Goldstein deals further with this question in an article in the adjoining column.

Miss Elizabeth Robins on Brave Women.

Miss Elizabeth Robins, at the meeting of the Women Writers' Suffrage League held on Tuesday at the Criterion Restaurant, exposed the constantly reiterated statement expressed in fiction that all the heroic deeds are done by boys and men, while the pattern held up for girls was that of the patient Griselda. No one would ever know the great power which had been killed in women's hearts by the phrase, "only a girl." The importance of "suggestion" could not be over-estimated, and there was a great field open to women to write girls' books as inspiring and as healthy as those now devoted to boys. She hoped in regard to literature that Euripides' prophecy would be fulfilled—

The old bards' stories
Of frail brides and faithless shall be shrivelled as with fire,
And woman, yes, woman, shall be terrible in story.
The tales, too, meseemeth, shall be other than of yore.
For a fear there is that cometh out of womankind for glory,
And the hard, hating voices shall encompass her no more.

The Rev. Dr. Cobb was in the chair at the meeting, and among other speakers were Mrs. Sarah Tooley and Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, whose Suffrage Play "The Master of Mrs. Chivers," is now attracting special attention. Mr. Nevinston included in his speech a neat little parody of Lowell which we give elsewhere.

Tax Resistance.

Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, who it will be remembered was a member of the Deputation to Mr. Asquith in November last, has been fined £3 for refusing to pay her licenses. Her Counsel, Mr. Castello, stated on her behalf that the Princess took this course as a protest against the gross injustice of making women liable to taxation who had no voice in the management of the country. Mrs. Despard has again had her goods sold up for refusing to pay income tax and inhabited house duty. Miss Dorothy Evans was released last Friday after a week's imprisonment for declining to pay her dog tax. Two other tax-resisters, the Misses Mackenzie, report that the bailiffs are in possession of their house in Kensington.

Two Brave Women.

Two women received from King George the Albert Medal for bravery on Tuesday last. Miss Jacques, of Beaulieu, in the New Forest, won her medal for her remarkable courage in protecting her father and brother from a mad bull, which she seized by the horns until her people were out of danger. Nurse Wolsey had saved the life of a patient at Hanwell Asylum. In doing so she had had to follow her some 60 or 70 ft. along the narrow guttering at the edge of the roof of the building. It is interesting that these presentations should have been taking place at the same time as Miss Elizabeth Robins was making her speech at the Criterion Restaurant, to which we have already alluded.

Gertrude Atherton.

We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers this week an article specially contributed to the columns of VOTES FOR WOMEN by the distinguished American writer, Gertrude Atherton, whose many interesting novels are so well known. Gertrude Atherton deals with the subject with a freshness and vigour which will be generally appreciated by our readers, though some of them may not find themselves in agreement with all the views she expresses on controversial political questions.

Items of Interest.

Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., is introducing a resolution to postpone payment of Members till women get the vote.

In view of the possibility that "lack of time" may be urged as a reason for failing to deal effectively with the Woman Suffrage Bill, it is worthy of notice that the House of Commons rose at 8.15 on Tuesday last, instead of 11.0 o'clock.

The Exeter branch of the Women's Liberal Federation has passed a resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities this session for the Conciliation Bill.

At the first meeting of the new Executive of the National Union of Teachers a resolution in favour of Woman Suffrage, similar to that put before the annual meeting at Aberystwyth, was again passed (*unanimously*). This resolution will now be sent to every local association for discussion.

At a recent meeting of the Ligue de l'Enseignement, M. Fallières, President of the French Republic, said: "There is no reason for refusing to women the right of voting, no matter in what election. They have the same interests as men, and are no less clear-sighted."

WOMEN AND THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

By VIDA GOLDSTEIN.

(President of the Women's Political Association of Victoria.)

The Imperial Conference, which was formally opened on Tuesday, will be in session for several weeks, discussing questions of the most serious moment to women, and we may well consider the anomalous position of English women in their relation to the Conference compared with the position of Australian and New Zealand women. Our women have been voting for years on many of the questions which are on the Agenda Paper for the Conference; we helped to elect the men who will be bringing those questions up for consideration by the Imperial Government. The women of the United Kingdom have not a shred of representation in the Conference, and yet note the subjects that are set down for discussion:—

1. Reciprocal legislation in industrial and social affairs, especially in relation to: (a) Labour Exchanges; (b) Expulsion of undesirable aliens; (c) Treatment of destitute women and children.
2. Emigration to Overseas Dominions.
3. Double income tax.
4. Defence.
5. Uniformity of legislation dealing with naturalisation, immigration, etc.

Each of these subjects is of fundamental importance to women throughout the Empire, but the views of English women can find no expression in the Conference. Our representatives can testify that the women voters of Australia and New Zealand have spoken emphatically on the social, industrial, financial, and Imperial questions that are being dealt with by the Conference, and their colleagues will surely recognise that English women are as fully entitled to express their opinions on the subjects mentioned as are the women of Australia and New Zealand. Our women do not find themselves represented in the Conference because of superior claims to citizenship. They are represented because it is easier to overcome the anti-suffrage forces, ignorance, tradition, and prejudice, in a young, unfettered country.

There are two questions that Australian and New Zealand women wish to bring prominently before the Conference—Naturalisation, and the loss of their political status on coming to reside in England. The Australian Naturalisation Act, passed in 1903, after women were enfranchised, does not differentiate between men and women; the Imperial Naturalisation Act and the new draft Naturalisation Bill do. A married woman under the Imperial Act takes the nationality of her husband. If a British woman marries a foreigner she becomes a foreigner in her own country. If a foreign woman marries a Britisher, she becomes a British subject. A British woman who has married an alien, does not, on his death, cease to be an alien, and the status of a divorced woman is the same as that of a widow. A married woman has no nationality of her own; she merely reflects the nationality of her husband. It is proposed to have a general system of uniformity in regard to naturalisation, but it is also proposed that the new act shall not affect "any naturalisation law in any British possession operating only within the limits of that possession." Therefore the Commonwealth Naturalisation Act being equal for men and women, it is not to be thought that English women will be content that the Imperial Act should place married women in a position of abject humiliation.

The loss of the political status of Australian and New Zealand women who come to reside in England demands immediate consideration. We are on equal political terms with the men of our respective countries. An Australian or New Zealand man comes to reside in England; he may become a voter here; he retains his political status. An Australian or New Zealand woman may not, under any circumstances, become an English citizen; she loses her political status. Indeed, she becomes the political inferior of a criminal, a lunatic, and a male infant. The criminal may regain his liberty, and vote; the lunatic may vote if he can prove that he is sufficiently *compos mentis* to discriminate between candidates; the male infant may grow into a voter; but an Australasian woman can never win political liberty; she can never prove herself sufficiently *compos mentis* to discriminate between candidates; she can never grow in civic stature. This stigma cast by English law on Australasian women must be removed, and the best way to remove it is to enfranchise English women. Then, Australasian women possessing the same qualifications as qualify an English woman to become a citizen, shall be entitled to citizenship in this country. That right must be won, and will be won in 1911.

We have received many new subscriptions from new readers but have not space in this issue to chronicle them. We know that at this time of crisis we can count upon friends of the paper to do all that lies in their power to secure an increased circulation.

THE DEPUTATION.

We are able to report that the Deputation list has grown greatly during the past week. The knowledge that the Cabinet was about to decide finally whether to give facilities this Session has stimulated many members of the Union to make their decision as to whether duty calls them to join the Deputation. We give extracts from some of the letters received from volunteers:—

In the event of another deputation to the House of Commons being necessary, I would like my name added to the list of danger-duty volunteers. I am keeping the date of my summer holiday open to meet emergencies.

Should another deputation be necessary, you have my name. When I came out of prison last December, I decided then to join every deputation until victory was won; even if I had to spend half my time in prison.

A working woman member of the Union writes that she intends to join the deputation if one becomes necessary. She adds:—

I have just been reading Lady Selborne's article in VOTES FOR WOMEN about insurance for the widow and orphan. I think that if they only knew what a woman has to go through when she is left a widow with little ones, there would be something done for them. I know what it is; I was left with four children to bring up—the eldest was six and the youngest a baby of eleven months—and I had to work for them. It is cruel, and we ought to have the vote. I wish I could help you more.

Promises to join the deputation should be sent as soon as possible to 4, Clements Inn.

MIDWIVES AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

The Government Insurance Bill is already at the stage of the second reading. Although it affects all women workers equally with men, and although one of its most important provisions concerns payment for the mother during her lying-in period, the Bill is to be drawn up and discussed by male legislators, and women have had no voice in the matter. The situation would be comic if it were not so unspeakably unjust. One important point is brought out in a letter drawn up by the Midwives' Institute, which speaks on behalf of 30,000 women who are on the State Roll of midwives. The medical profession is able to influence Parliament: doctors have votes. But the midwives' voice has not been heard, and unless the Bill expressly provides that a woman shall have free choice as to whether she employs a doctor or a midwife, it is quite possible that the proposed maternity benefit will include payment for a doctor only, thus depriving a woman of the attendance of one of her own sex, and also defeating the objects of the Midwives' Act, which was passed only after a long struggle on the part of voteless women, who recognised the need of the poor mother.

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OPINIONS ON THE BILL.

SIR JOHN ROLLESTON, M.P.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, in taking the chair at the Pavilion Theatre on Monday last, said she had every hope that the required time for the Women's Suffrage Bill would be granted this year. The Cabinet must realise that at some time or other the question had got to be settled, and this year was obviously more convenient for granting facilities than any future Session.

Sir John Rolleston, M.P., said that the question of Woman Suffrage had long passed the academic stage. It was now one not only of practical but of immediate politics. He hoped that the desires of Women Suffragists were to be satisfied in the near future. It was the duty of supporters of the movement to impress public opinion with the ardour, the sincerity and the strength that lay behind this demand, and also with the disappointment and anger which would be felt if they were to be further tantalised by disappointment and delay. A great deal had been said of late about the will of the people as expressed through their representatives in the House of Commons and of the enormity of any other Chamber attempting to refuse or to interfere with the decision of that House. It had been argued that under Single Chamber Government the will of the people would constantly and promptly prevail. Unless there were some signs of intention on the part of the Government to put themselves in line with popular opinion respectfully and constitutionally expressed with ardour and sincerity their professions of desire for the supremacy of the House of Commons would be laid bare and exposed to the doubt and scepticism of the public. Miss Pankhurst had said that this was a year of promise. He hoped that as far as the Women's Suffrage movement was concerned it might be a year of fulfilled promise. It was a year which would see the crowning of a King and an Emperor; a year in which statesmen, the heads of democracies, would meet to confer in his dominions. Some of those great democracies had inaugurated the reform which we are asking for and had not hesitated to take the lead in the march of progress in this matter. Could anyone say that they who sent their contingents here from across the seas to help us in the hour of need and to fight our battles for us, as races less virile or more enfeebled than we? It was absurd to withhold from them any longer the most elementary rights and privileges of democracy which are enjoyed by men as citizens.

Miss Vida Goldstein also addressed the meeting, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

1. That this meeting desires to draw the attention of the Prime Minister to the fact that at the Imperial Conference now assembled the women of Australia and New Zealand enjoy equal representation with men, whilst the women of the United Kingdom are deprived of representation, and have no opportunity of expressing their opinion on matters of legislation vitally affecting their interests and the welfare of their country.

2. That this meeting rejoices in the belief that the Coronation of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary will be marked by the enfranchisement of the women of Great Britain.

LORD BRASSEY AND VOTES FOR WOMEN.

At a meeting organised by the Hastings, St. Leonard's, and East Sussex Women's Suffrage Society, at Hastings, last Saturday, Lord Brassey said, in the course of a speech:—"I believe it is expected that I shall take this opportunity of saying a very few words with regard to the important question which has brought us together. When my dear wife has this cause very much at heart, it is not altogether what may be described as comfortable to differ from her. Yet I had my responsibility as one who had been for very many years connected with public life; and, therefore, I could not lightly give a promise to support a policy which we are here to advocate this evening. But upon giving the question the best consideration I could, I have been brought to the conclusion that upon many of the matters which affect the condition of society, more especially the condition of women, more sympathetic consideration, and, I believe, more appreciation will be found in the Legislature when women shall have been allowed the privilege to vote, than can be looked for when the women are not directly represented as voters in the electorate. (Applause.)"

"When I look at the arguments on the other side," continued Lord Brassey, "I feel that experience shows that those arguments cannot be sustained. (Applause.) Some of those who strongly object to giving votes to women would contend that in relation to external policy—foreign affairs, defensive preparations—the experience of women does not enable them to be competent voters upon that kind of question. But upon those matters, experience teaches that that country in which women have for the longest space of time had the franchise—I mean New Zealand—was the first of our daughter States to give us a Dreadnought. (Applause.) And then, again, the necessity for adequate defensive preparations by land forces has recently been seriously considered, and the recommendations of Lord Kitchener are being carried into effect in Australasia; and there the women have the vote. And, therefore, it seems to me that experience reassures us as regards any apprehensions that may be entertained in regard to external policy or necessary defensive preparations, and that the fears we have heard do not seem to be warranted. In regard to social improvement, moral elevation, the administration of all those departments of the Government which have to deal with interests of women in every branch, I anticipate from the adoption of the policy we are here to recommend, good and beneficial results (applause); and, therefore, with full heart and with the greatest depth of conviction, I have to say that if I had the privilege of doing so, I should vote for the Conciliation Bill." (Loud applause.)

DR. FINLAY.

The Hon. Dr. Finlay, Minister of Justice in the Government of New Zealand, who is attending the Imperial Conference, has been interviewed by the *Tararua Express*. Speaking of woman suffrage, Dr. Finlay was unreserved in his commendation of its effect on the politics and life of New Zealand. "The women take quite as much interest in public affairs as the men," he said, "and they go to the polls quite as freely. More than 80 per cent. of the electors vote in any

ordinary election, even when temperance or other social or moral questions in which women are specially interested are not an issue. The general effect of woman's suffrage has been the tuning up of our politics. What would most surprise and interest you in New Zealand is the strength and activity of the social conscience. That phrase is often a vague thing, but with us the social conscience is a real power making for righteousness in politics and in all departments of our organised activities."

THE PRESS.

THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

In a leading article on Monday, May 22 (previous to the meeting of the Cabinet), the *Manchester Guardian* said:—

"The Government is unquestionably master of its fate this session. It has a clear course and the undoubted support both of its Parliamentary majority and of the constituencies. It may have the same control and the same support next session, but the questions which will confront it—Home Rule and the Reform of the House of Lords—are far more difficult and complicated than any involved in the Parliament Bill or any other Government measure of this session, and will excite far more vehement controversies. If it is hard to find time and peace for a non-party measure this session it will be harder next session, and if the opportunity is not made this session or next session the Bill will be at the absolute mercy of the House of Lords as well as of that even more redoubtable assemblage known as the chapter of accidents. If, therefore, Mr. Asquith wishes to keep his promise in substance and effect, or perhaps even to keep it at all, it is clear that the time for doing so is now. There are very many other reasons which should persuade him to the same course, but we may content ourselves with citing one. If there is much more delay in dealing with this question it may be fatal to the party. It may be fatal in either of two ways. That the full rights of citizenship should be given to all qualified citizens is a part of the Liberal creed, even one of its fundamental principles. Now a party cannot for long neglect or forsake its fundamental principles without suffering for it in all sorts of ways. It drops down morally, and people find it out. That is one way in which we may go on the rocks. Another and perhaps more tangible one is that there are always, happily, in a great party elements which are intolerant of this sort of denial. There comes a point at which they cannot go on. Their allegiance ceases; they may even find themselves driven to revolt. It was made pretty plain last week that the great organisation of the Women's Liberal Federation has come perilously near this point; there are plenty of good Liberals who are not far from it. We would venture to suggest that if the Prime Minister does not feel able himself to promise that time should be found this session, since this might involve some sacrifice on the part of the House of Commons and a protracted session, he should in that case leave it to the House of Commons itself to determine whether it will make this sacrifice and give a day for a debate and division on the subject. This would be in strict accordance with the tolerant but non-committal attitude of the Government so far and with the very fair spirit in which the Prime Minister has himself handled it."

THE DAILY NEWS.

In a leading article on Monday, May 22, the *Daily News* said:—

"The Cabinet is considering whether time should be given for the final stages of the Woman's Suffrage Bill, and it ought to have little difficulty in coming to a favourable decision. The House has approved this Bill and Bills similar in character by overwhelming majorities drawn from all parties. The present Bill fulfils fairly Mr. Asquith's condition that it should be democratic and capable of amendment. If the House is refused, without a convincing reason, the time necessary for disposing completely of the Bill, then both the liberties and credit of the House will suffer even more seriously than a reform which is long overdue. The only adequate reason that occurs to us as possible is lack of time owing to the fulness of the Government's programme, and we think that that could not be urged justly. There is no reason to suppose that the Session is overcharged with Government business, and experience has shown that the fog end of even congested Sessions is usually frittered away. The Suffrage Bill is very brief, and would require only a very few days. Those few days could be carved out of the Session without injury to the Government programme, or if there was any possibility of official Bills being cramped for time, there is no good reason why Parliament should not be asked to sit a few days longer. The important thing is that the House of Commons should have freedom to employ its leisure in carrying a reform to which it is pledged."

SOUTH WALES DAILY NEWS.

In a leading article, the *South Wales Daily News* said:—

"The Suffragists are anxiously awaiting the Premier's decision on the question of granting facilities this Session for the Women's Suffrage Bill, which passed its second reading a fortnight ago by an overwhelming majority. Their case, this time, is undoubtedly a strong one. They have re-fashioned this measure so as to meet all objections raised by Ministers to the previous one. At the last election Mr. Asquith himself promised that the Government would give facilities in the next Parliament for effectively proceeding with a Bill which was so framed as to admit of free amendment. The present Bill is framed on such lines. It is strongly supported, not only by an influential body of Liberal members, but also by several Ministers. Moreover, it has been introduced and piloted to its present stage with more tact and skill than any previous measure."

Women have rendered signal services to Liberalism in the past. Their assistance at election time has been of incalculable value. If they can do so much so well, they are surely entitled to the vote."

TOWN COUNCILS WHICH SUPPORT THE BILL.

In addition to the Town and other Councils which have passed resolutions in favour of the Bill already, the following have been added to the list during the past week:—Leigh, Heywood, Cockermouth, Swansea, Lambeth, Warrenpoint (Ireland).

M.P.'S AND THE BILL.

Mr. Ellis Griffiths (Aberdeen) writes to one of the Welsh papers that he has had so many letters from Wales on the Bill that he finds it impossible to answer them. Mr. G. H. Roberts (Norwich) writes that he cannot understand his name being left out of the pairs. Sir Alfred Mond (Swansea) writes that no one regrets more than he that, through illness, he was unable to be present to support the Bill. He had written to the Secretary of the Conciliation Committee asking to be paired, and concludes that it was impossible to find a pair for him. He writes: "My friends can rest assured that it is not a question of in any way overlooking the occasion or any weakening of the faith in me. I shall certainly do what I can to assist in getting facilities. I am very glad to hear that the members of the Swansea Town Council have decided to petition Mr. Asquith." Mr. George Cave, K.C. (Kingston), writes that he was prepared to pair for the Bill, but, unfortunately, no pair could be arranged for him. He also says that he is favourable to the Bill in its present form, but reserves the right to object to any alteration which may be made. Mr. P. Ogden (Pudsey) also applied and could not be paired. Mr. Sidney Robinson (Brecknock) and Mr. H. J. Tennant (Berwickshire) write that they paired in favour. Hearing that Mr. Campion, M.P., one of the 88 opponents of the Suffrage in the House of Commons was to speak at a meeting, a member of the W.S.P.U. made a point of being present, and after the meeting was over had the opportunity of five minutes' conversation with Mr. Campion, who received her courteously, and showed great interest in what she had to say.

LADY HARBERTON ON THE VOTE.

Only a few weeks ago we recorded the death of Lady Harberton, one of the staunchest friends of the movement. The following extract is from a letter from Lady Harberton to Mrs. Beddoe, one of the earliest workers in the cause, dated June 9, 1907:—

"I am really delighted to think you approve the suggestion as to dropping all subscriptions and giving the money to the Suffrage. I feel sure that if enough women could be induced to do this it would practically so 'upset the coach' that crowds of men would put pressure on the Government to bring in a Bill. I call it the system of 'Passive Compulsion!' It goes rather to my heart to have to drop some of the subscriptions, such as for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But after all with the franchise we could do so much more good to all the things we approve of that I think it is worth it. I well remember the demonstration at Bristol which you worked so splendidly, but had forgotten how many years ago it was. The thing that strikes me as most remarkable about the present movement is, that whereas in former days it was advocated by elderly and middle aged women chiefly, now it is the young women who are demanding it with the utmost determination. This is really a hopeful sign, and it knocks on the head one of the arguments that used to be used against us. I sometimes come across old Suffrage friends in London. For instance at one meeting in Caxton Hall, the one that ended in the charge of mounted police over the ladies who were taking the Resolution passed at the meeting to the House of Commons, Mrs. Ashworth Hallett and I walked side by side. She was arrested, but was let go again on threatening to send in to the House for some members. They always let me alone, as they know me, and it seems they prefer to arrest people that are not likely to have friends in either House!"

THE LIBERAL CREED.

At the meeting of the Women Writers' Suffrage League on Tuesday, Mr. Henry Nevinston, in asking for contributions to the funds of the society, described the extreme crisis of the moment, and said that, whilst haunting the lobby of the House of Commons, he had just picked up a document entitled "My Creed," apparently by a Cabinet Minister, and evidently an imitation of the well-known "Biglow" papers:—

I do believe in freedom's call
In countries where the nigger is,
I'm sure that every Liberal
Should boast no blessing bigger is;
I hate the coward slave whose breast
The flame of freedom's dim in;
But liberty's an empty jest
When parties talk of women.

I do believe the people's will
Should regulate the nation,
That law and tax should follow still
Upon representation;
But among "people" since I'd grieve
The woman-half to docket,
I slich my pay without her leave
From every woman's pocket.

I do believe the House of Peers
Is like old Satan lurking,
It wakes my democratic fears
To see their Veto working;
If Lords lay Bills upon the shelf,
I raise a mighty clatter,
But when I burke a Bill myself,
That's quite a different matter.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Queen's Hall, Monday, May 29.

The Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., is again available for the usual weekly afternoon meetings, and next Monday, May 29, at 3 p.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst will give an account of her recent visit to America. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., will also speak. Miss Nina Boyle, of Johannesburg, President of the South African Women's Enfranchisement League, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., will speak at the Steinway Hall on Thursday, June 1, at 8 p.m.

Albert Hall, June 17.

The only tickets now available for the great Albert Hall meeting on Saturday, June 17, are for the Promenade Gallery, price 6d. Members should make application immediately. The overflow meeting at the Empress Rooms (five minutes' walk from the Albert Hall) promises to be most interesting. It will be addressed by Miss Vida Goldstein, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Mr. Pethick Lawrence, and others; tickets, price 2s. 6d. and 1s., are on sale to the public. All tickets may be had from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Stewards are still needed for both meetings. Members only are eligible, and they are earnestly requested to send in their names at once to Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Marshals and captains are again reminded that they must secure their tickets for the Albert Hall beforehand, as it has not been possible to reserve any seats for them.

WOMEN VOTERS' PETITION.

On Saturday morning, the 20th inst., a meeting of the sub-committee of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Committee was held, by the courtesy of Lady Brassey, at her residence, 24, Park Lane. Lady Stout was in the chair. Miss Vida Goldstein, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Isit, Miss Hodge, Miss Newcomb, Miss Agnes Murphy, Miss Moore and Miss Edith Quinlan were present. Apologies for absence were received from Lady McMillan and Lady Cockburn. The following letter was sent by the secretary to Mr. Asquith:—

"Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the above committee held this morning at the residence of Lady Brassey, 24, Park Lane, W., Lady Stout in the chair, I was directed to ask you if you will kindly receive a deputation concerning the objects of the committee. The committee has been formed to deal with the position of Australian and New Zealand women under the Naturalisation Act, and with our political position in this country. As you are aware, a 'Naturalisation' resolution is on the Agenda Paper for the Imperial Conference, and we wish to lay before you our point of view about the Australian and New Zealand Naturalisation Acts in relation to the Imperial Naturalisation Act, and following on that our loss of political status on coming to live in England. We realise that your time is very fully occupied, but we hope that you will consent to receive a small deputation of Australian and New Zealand women who would state their case very briefly. The Australian and New Zealand representatives in the Imperial Conference will have many opportunities of making their views on public questions known to you; we ask for one short interview with you."

WOMEN FIREMEN.

At Burton-on-Trent a number of women have formed a fire brigade, and after a month's training have been pronounced thoroughly efficient. They have galloped the engine to a given point, "run" 75 yards of hose, and started their engine pumping water in three minutes. A prominent member of the Burton Corporation Fire Brigade has stated, says the *Nottingham Guardian*, that "he would gladly, and with every confidence, take the ladies' brigade to any conflagration." On Tuesday, May 16, eighteen members of the brigade gave their first public drill. With their captain, Mrs. Roger Green, they got their engine out and dashed full speed to the scene of the supposed burning, where they fixed the hose, and had water playing on the house in two and a half minutes. The women are to wear uniform, wear helmets, and carry axes.

WOMEN HEROES.

It becomes almost impossible even to catalogue the many instances of bravery and endurance published each week which give the lie to the physical force argument. One of the most striking cases of unselfish heroism is that of Lily Boltwood, a domestic servant at Cheshunt, who, when the house was on fire, rescued three children and a woman from a flaming room, and was herself badly burned. At Camberwell a woman has received the thanks of the Borough Council for stopping a horse, and thus preventing a fatal accident. In South-West London it was stated that a woman pushed her way through a hostile crowd of 200 people and blew a policeman's whistle for assistance. Recently, too, people have been deeply moved by the story of a widow who walked from Dundee to Chatham, over 400 miles, in order to see her son. In Russia a woman is riding on horseback from Harbin to St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Ellen Collins, of Lancaster, was lately the means of saving the life of a would-be suicide. While walking along the canal bank, she told the magistrate, she saw a man put his coat over his head and jump into the water. She immediately dived in after him, dragged him to the bank, and took him to a farmhouse.

DR. ETHEL SMYTH'S CONCERT.

We have pleasure in drawing our readers' attention to Dr. Ethel Smyth's concert on Thursday evening, June 29, at 8 p.m., at the Queen's Hall. This concert, repeated by desire, will be given with the kind assistance of Madame Blanche Marchesi (and her pupils), Mrs. Elsie Swinton, the Crystal Palace Choir (200 voices; conductor, Mr. Walter W. Hedgcock), and the London Symphony Orchestra. Organ—Mr. Stanley Marchant; conductor—Dr. Smyth. The programme will include "The Wreckers' Overture," "On the Cliffs of Cornwall," songs from "The Wreckers" and the choruses, "The Spirits of the Forest," "Sleepless Dreams," "Hey Nonny No," and the new choral group "Songs of Sunrise." The audience are invited to join in singing No. 3, "The March of the Women." Tickets (10s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. and 1s.) may be obtained from Miss Cooke, ticket secretary, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Walter M'Laren has given notice of the following resolution for an early date:—"That this House declines at present to provide money for the payment of members of Parliament, because it would involve taxing the women of the country to pay for the services of members in whose election they have no vote."

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to be a rehearsal of the Historical Pageant on June 18. It is absolutely essential that every character, every djibbah—*but no, she is just too tall. And she walks so well—what a famous banner carrier*—*banner carrier, not even a djibbah—should be there*

We have time for them all at No. 12, Smith Street. The only people we do not smile upon, are the ladies who come in, look through our catalogues, take down their dresses, want to know who is to wear this beautiful brocade, and what do you do with this lovely red amblerdy, and on wander out, leaving chaos behind them.

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DECORATIONS AND PAGEANTS.

Organizers: Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Dorning, 14, Smith Street, Chelsea, S.W. (Arrive 15 minutes from Sloane Square Station).

The first question asked of anyone who knocks at the door of No. 12, Smith Street, is: "Have you come to work?" Then, if the visitor looks healthy, and capable of walking three miles, the next question: "Will you be taking part in the Paget's yourself?" inevitably follows.

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OPEN-AIR CAMPAIGN

Organiser—Miss Billing, 1, Clements Inn.

This campaign is well on its way, and is bringing into touch with the movement districts which are worked by local unions. We have therefore the double work of driving home the first principles of "Voices for Women," and arousing the people to take an interest and active part in the Proclamation. So far we have met with great encouragement and success. But our campaign is held in these districts. For this purpose the organiser seriously appeals to experienced speakers to give her as many dates as possible between now and June 17.

POINTS FOR PROFESSIONALISTS:

The marching programme includes this time our own tune, "The March of the Women" (by Dr. Ethel Smyth), which will be played as inter-vals, the marchers singing. Vocal cards (tunes, words, and words), price one penny, will be obtainable along with route, and can be had from the Woman's Press, 186, Charing Cross Road, W.C. All marchers are asked to learn the words by heart, so as to be able to join in whenever the bands strike up.

Dress.

White or cream dresses should be worn if possible, with the colours in the shape of a ribbon badge (not merely a button). There must be a change of colour on June 17th!

ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Dorothy A. Bowker,
4, Clemens Inn, W.C.

Handbill Distribution.—Last week was a very busy one for bill distributors. Royalty passing to and from caused crowds to gather, and these crowds had to be

not think you will find them drag. Judging

from the animated scraps of conversations that I hear when passing the door, other topics but tucks and hems and gathers are allowed! The day passes so quickly!

To think that it is less than a month before the great day! But Suffragists are never idle, and I suppose after that there will be something else to work for. Really, it is all very interesting!

E. MCNEILL.

Miss Walthea Dunlop and Miss Dowling writes:—
There was a mistake in last week's issue of *VOICE* re-
WOMEN. It was stated that no more volunteers were
needed for the Historical Pageant. On the contrary,
we need many more, and need them urgently.
We are very grateful to all who have kindly
collected names of women willing to take part, and
very grateful to all who have responded to our appeal
and sent in post-cards telling their help and making
appointments for fittings, but we still have on our
books lists of people who have ignored our correspon-
dences. It would be a great help, even if it is only to show
we have written would answer, even if it is only to show
they are unable to help. So much uncertainty makes
big organisation like this very complicated. There

Officers: Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Down

The first question asked of anyone who knocks at the door of No. 12, Smith Street, is, "Have you come to work?" Then, if the visitor looks healthy, and capable of walking three miles, the next question: "Will you be taking part in the Pageant yourself?" inevitably follows.

There are many ways of classifying women-kind. At present, every woman I come in contact with is merely a potter's wheel, a banner carrier, or a dumbbell girl. If you want to know what a dumbbell girl is, come along to Smith Street and find out. I pass a fair, graceful girl in the streets. I long to stop her and tell her how beautiful she would look in the long, flowing veils of the 14th century lady. Next I meet a bright-faced little girl with dark, curly hair. How sweet she would look in

League has been inadvertently omitted: it will appear in a more complete map which is in preparation.

IMPERIAL CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Bennett, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Procession will be a unique opportunity for all to gain some idea of the strength of the woman's movement, not only in this country, but all over the world. Each section of the Imperial Contingent has now its own committee, and everyone concerned is working hard to bring in recruits. All parties and all sections of the community will be represented; there is room for everybody, and we may be sure that anyone who is left out, even if it be by her own fault, will be exceedingly sorry afterwards. Therefore, no one must have the slightest ground for saying that she was not asked to join the Great Procession of 1911. But this can only be done by strenuous personal effort, and the organiser urges all who have any connection with the Overseas Dominions to put themselves into communication with her at once. The Imperial Contingent must rival the Festival of Empire as a meeting-place for friends from all corners of the Empire.

New Zealand.

Representative: Lady Stout, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Lady Stout's energetic work has already produced scores of promises for the Procession, but the representatives of women voters in New Zealand must turn up in hundreds. All New Zealand women, both residents and visitors, are asked to communicate at once with the organiser. The Fern Tree, as the National Emblem, will be much in evidence in the decorations. Subscriptions for the flags and banners will be gladly received. The New Zealand and Australian Women Voters' Committee will be found on page 559.

Australia.

Representatives: Lady Cockburn and Miss Vida Goldstein, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Hon. Sec. of the New Zealand and Australian Women Voters' Committee: Miss Edith Quinlan.

The Australian section of the Procession will be large and representative. Miss Vida Goldstein is anxious to get into direct communication with her countrywomen, and letters addressed to her at 4, Clements Inn will reach her without delay.

Canada.

Representatives: Mrs. W. D. Balfour; Mrs. Douglas McIntosh, Mrs. Bannell Sawyer, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Canadian women are asked to show their sympathy with the movement at home by turning up in large numbers or the Canadian section of the Imperial Contingent. Mrs. Pankhurst will address a meeting on Wednesday, May 31, at 3.30 p.m., at 9, Park Place, St. James's Street, by kind permission of Mrs. Gordon Woodhouse. Admission will be by ticket only, and Canadians who desire to be present should apply at once to the Organiser at 4, Clements Inn.

South Africa.

Representatives: Mrs. Saul Solomon (Las Lunas, Sumatra Road, West Hampstead), and Miss Nina Boyle.

An energetic committee is at work, and it is anticipated that the South African contingent will exceed all previous records. South African women in London, both residents and visitors, are asked to apply to the organiser for invitations to Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting on Wednesday, May 31, 3.30 p.m., at 9, Park Place, St. James's Street. Mrs. Saul Solomon urges all South Africans who intend to join the procession to communicate with her at once.

India.

Representatives: Mrs. Fisher Unwin, Mrs. P. L. Roy, Miss Helen B. Hanson.

The committee is hard at work amongst Indian women in this country, and will be glad to hear from any who have not received a communication from them. The decorations for the Procession are being arranged, and subscriptions for banners and emblems will be welcomed. All who are interested in the Indian section are asked to apply to the Organiser, 4, Clements Inn, for invitations to Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at 9, Park Place, St. James's Street, on Wednesday, May 31, at 3.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS.

Organiser—Miss E. Freeman, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A very successful meeting of Scandinavians was held at Mrs. Glane's last Sunday afternoon, and many important details of that section were settled. Madame Malmberg will head the Finnish Section in national costume, and each Finnish woman will carry a branch of mountain ash, the national tree. Mrs. Glane will head the Danish Section, followed by a strong contingent of Danish women. Norway will also be well represented, and Mrs. Mathew Road will head Sweden. France is coming along well. Madame Stoch-Chlorin has added her influence to those already working this section. Germany will be headed by several women in peasant costume. Madame Houfer is working hard to get other Germans to take part. Præulein Rosa Baum and two nurses are coming from Germany. On Friday evening the organiser speaks at the Swiss Institute, 2, Percy Street, and hopes all Swiss members and friends will do their best to attend. Miss Dreier, Miss Anne Martin, and Miss Mary Winter, delegates from the Women's Franchise League of Ireland, will lead the Americans, and a goodly number of Americans have promised to come into line. Time is getting short, and it is hoped that all members and their foreign friends will do their utmost to get all nationalities represented.

SCOTTISH CONTINGENT.

London Committee—Mrs. Anna Bryce, Mrs. MacDonald, Misses Cameron, Fletcher and Forsyth. London Hon. Secretary—Miss Margaret Grant, at 1, Falmouth Road, Wimbledon, S.W.

This contingent will be headed by the Scottish Royal Standard. Smaller standards and staves surmounted by the Scottish Lion will be easily carried by individual processions. A feature will be the playing of a band of girl pipers. Scotswomen are expected to display their clan tartans, and to make an effort to resurrect their national dress. By the regrettable retirement of Mrs. Henderson Begg, owing to indisposition, the secretarial duties have fallen upon Miss M. Grant, and the co-operation of Scotswomen in London is urgently required within the short time remaining. Will those who are free to work and march with their countrywomen take the places of those called away to help in other directions? Will anyone undertake to give out handbills on Whit Monday, June 5, at the Coronation Scottish Gathering, Stamford Bridge Grounds, Falmouth Road? The Committee expresses its full appreciation of kind help and suggestions already offered.

IRISH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Lannon, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The scheme of decoration for this contingent promises to be a bright one. Gold-lace and green shamrocks, besides some Irish flags, will be carried by members, while some of those who will be dressed in Colleen Bawn cloaks, some red and some emerald green, will carry shamrocks, and it is hoped the contingent will be headed by Irish pipers in national dress. Subscriptions for large and small banners will be welcome. Names are coming in steadily, but those who have sent in their names are urged not to be content with that—they must at least let all their acquaintances know of the Procession, and bring in as many as they can. Several well-known Irish people are taking part, and it is hoped that each individual Irish member will realize

that on her depends the success of this contingent. Let us all throw aside all differences of opinion and show a united front, thus impressing on the Irish party the advisability of giving votes to women.

WELSH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansell-Moulin, 82, Wimpole Street, W.

Promises to join this contingent are reaching me daily. The idea of walking in the national costume has caught on, I am glad to say. I feel sure this will make a great impression, and it makes me still more anxious that our contingent shall be fully representative of Wales and the Welsh. I shall therefore be glad if any waverers will make up their minds to join us, and will all those in costume please bring some knitting with them? I hope to have the offer of a goat from someone who will undertake to lead it in the Procession. I also want a harpist, as our singing will be so much more characteristic if accompanied on the harp. Please remember I am at home every Tuesday afternoon between 4 and 6 to give advice about the costumes and for a choir practice. I also want offers of hospitality for Welsh women who are coming from Wales and other distant parts, and gifts of money towards their fares. I have received no response so far to my appeal last week.

BUSINESS WOMEN.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Vibert and Miss Fergus, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Please business women send in your names. It is hoped to do some canvassing next week to stir you up. The organisers have been invited for one business house to visit the workrooms and to make a personal appeal. This proved very successful last year, and is being repeated.

few years, and it is hoped that the contingent will be worthy of it. Names should be sent in at once to Miss Smith at above address.

GYMNASTIC TEACHERS' SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Organiser: Miss W. L. Boulton, Finlray, College Road, Cheltenham.

It is hoped that all members of the above society will co-operate to make this an imposing section. It has been decided that only those earning their living as teachers of gymnastics, certificated gymnasts, or accepted students from recognised training colleges shall be eligible for this section. White shirt and navy skirt to be worn, no hat, if possible; also regalia: blue and silver, particulars of which and pattern of shade will be sent on application. Any gymnastic teacher who has not already done so, is invited to join the above society now, that all joining in this section may get in touch with fellow gymnasts and feel they are marching under their own colours. Attention is drawn to the fact that lines are to be given abreast, therefore it is hoped that each college will feel responsible for at least 21 representatives to form its sub-section. As special trains will be running from so many places, members are urged not to allow the question of distance to stand in the way. Names should be sent in to the organiser as soon as possible.

MUSICIANS.

Hon. Sec.—Dr. Ethel Smyth. Organiser—Miss M. Beldin, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Will all musicians wishing to walk in this contingent please send in their names as soon as possible to Miss Beldin. Helpers are wanted for distributing bills at the concerts and different events of the Musical Congress (May 29 to June 3); who will volunteer? A

Pharmacist is prevented from taking part in the Procession; will she provide a deputy?

UNIVERSITY SECTION.

The organisation of the University Section has been undertaken by a special committee (Chairman, Dr. Flora Murray), constituted by the London Graduate Union for Women's Suffrage, and including representatives of suffrage societies in other universities and of women's colleges. The section will be independent of other parts of the Procession, and will walk under academic banners only. The offer of the loan of college banners will be welcomed by the committee. The section will consist of graduates and undergraduates wearing academic dress, and of members, past and present, of the women's colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. Members of the section are asked to be in their places by 4.30 p.m. The section will form up in Whitehall Court immediately opposite the entrance to the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole. As it is difficult to obtain adequate robing-rooms for a date so near the Coronation, it has only been possible to arrange for limited accommodation at the Whitehall Rooms and it is therefore hoped that all who can do so will arrive in their robes. Tickets admitting to the robing-rooms will be sent to those who apply for them before June 12, and information will then be given as to arrangements for the transfer of hats and disrobing. Several of the societies are to hold meetings after the Procession. Application for tickets and information respecting them can be obtained from the offices of the societies. No special arrangements in regard to the meetings are being made for members of the University Section. A fund has been started for the hire of robes, etc. Donations for it and applications should be sent to the hon. treasurer, S. S. Davies Colley, 18, Harley Street, London, W. For further information inquiries should be made to the hon. secretary, Dr. M. B. Douls, 55, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, N.W.



L.N.A.]

AMERICAN SUFFRAGISTS' PARADE PASSING ALONG FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

The parade of Suffragists in New York on May 6 has had generous notices in the Press, which, unfortunately, we have not space to quote. It is very evident that the parade roused tremendous public interest, and has done much to forward the cause in America. Part of the procession consisted of a pageant, in which 10th century women: spin, weave, etc., while a dainty lady was carried in a sedan chair by four sunbeams.

to illustrate the "Little Lady of Yesterday." Many noted American Suffragists took part, and there was a large contingent of college women, as well as women representing professions and trades. There was also a group of men; the only contingent which apparently aroused any hostile demonstration. The *Woman's Journal* for that date is a special Parade Number. On the front page is a cartoon, by Marthe Bryn, of a

woman trumpeter awaking New York, and in the pages that follow are portraits of prominent Suffragists who took part in the demonstration, including Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blech, the Rev. Anna Shaw, Mrs. C. P. Gilman, the Rev. A. L. B. Blackwell, D.D., Miss Inez Milholland, Mrs. Marie Jenney Howe, Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, Mrs. John Winters, Brannan, and others.

TEACHERS' CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 84, St. Mary's Mansions, Paddington.

The various sections of teachers are playing up splendidly this year. We hear now that there is to be a special Kindergarten-Mistresses' Section, who, like the L.O.C. Mistresses' Union, will walk under their own banner. We understand that each mistress will wear the colour of whatever Suffrage Society she happens to belong to, as the Kindergarten mistresses have no special colours of their own. We all hope that this section will be very large and representative, particularly as there has never been any section of this kind before. Will all kindergarten mistresses who intend to walk or would like further information about the Procession communicate with Miss Agnes Debenham, at 1, Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, as she is organising this section. We very much hope that other sections of teachers, such as teachers of cookery, music, or any special subjects, will organise themselves into sections and walk under banners of their own. Besides the different branches of the profession we still want more Teachers' Unions and Associations to walk officially under their own banners. Then, for those who will walk in the general teachers' section we have not got nearly enough names yet, although they are pouring in daily. We must have many, many more between now and June 17. Have you sent in your name and the names of all your friends who are coming in the Teachers' contingent? If not send them to me at once. On the same postcard let me know when you can come to the office and help with the work in connection with this contingent. Don't forget that every Saturday morning from now till June 17 the office must be filled with teachers from 10 till 1 in order to get the necessary circulating work done; it cannot possibly be done unless you come and help too. Come to-morrow (Monday), 26th, as soon after 10 as possible. If you cannot do that let me know at once what time you can give. My time is better than any, and the work simply must be done. A meeting will be held by the W.F.U. (City and District branch) at the Library, Holloway Road (Highbury end), on May 30, at 8 p.m.

FLORISTS AND GARDENERS.

Organiser—Miss Ernestine M. Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Women gardeners and women farmers are responding to the appeal in last week's issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. Those who have sent in their names are asked to spread the news of the great Procession on June 17, and to interest their friends in this contingent. This profession has grown more important within the past

drawing-room meeting is being arranged by kind permission of Mrs. Tobias Matthews, 96, Wimpole Street, on June 6, at 8.30 p.m., when Mrs. Pankhurst will speak.

NURSES.

Organiser: Miss Buckley, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

As will be seen by the reports of the country organisers they have lost no time in getting into touch with nurses, and several have held interesting meetings and report the intention of nurses in uniform to join the contingent. "All our large hospitals and nursing-homes have been canvassed," is the news from Bradford, and it would be splendid if all the organisers could do similar work. Nurses are a large and important body, and their influence is worth a great deal. Unfortunately, their time is limited. When the matron of a hospital is sympathetic perhaps she could be induced to arrange the off-duty time as far as possible so as to allow her nurses to take part. Nurses who can join the contingent are asked to communicate with the organiser.

CLERKS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.

Organisers—Miss P. A. Ayrton, Miss G. Maguire, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Procession day is drawing near, and if this contingent is to be a thoroughly representative one, no line must be lost in making it widely known among business women. Every Clerk and Civil Servant in the W.F.U. should make it her duty to bring at least ten friends to swell this particular section. The organisers would like the name and address of every woman who can help in this way. Invitation cards are now ready for the meeting at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, on Wednesday, June 7 (7 p.m.), and should be applied for at once. Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak, and Miss Keith, a member of the Actresses' Franchise League, has kindly promised to read. The organisers take this opportunity of thanking those friends who are working so hard to make the contingent a success, and feel confident that the propaganda work so well begun will be the means of drawing into the movement numbers of women who up to now have only been passive onlookers.

PHARMACISTS.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Ollivant, Western Hospital, Fulham.

It is hoped to have a much larger group than last June. All the Women Pharmacists have been circulated, and those who have not received a letter from Miss Ollivant are asked to write to her. If any Women

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" CORPS.

Organiser: Miss Helen Crafts, 104, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Telephone City 3,961.

On June 17 decorated lorries, loaded with papers, will be stationed at convenient places on the route. Each of these will be in the charge of a *VOTES FOR WOMEN* Captain, and from them members of the Corps, as they sell out, will be able to obtain fresh supplies. Hundreds of women will be needed to sell papers all along the line of the Procession. Already a large number of women have sent in their names for this work, but a great many more are still needed if the *VOTES FOR WOMEN* Corps is to be of a size which will be able to take full advantage of the great opportunity there will be on that day of getting our paper into the hands of thousands of new readers. Will volunteers please communicate with the Organiser?

HOSPITALITY.

Secretary: Miss Ellen Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Numbers of women from all parts of the country long to join in the Procession, but are deterred by the expense and distance from their homes. One of these difficulties can be considerably got over if we can offer them hospitality even for a night. But the numbers are so large that we cannot do this unless members and sympathisers come forward with definite offers. The time is drawing near, and it is most important that this matter should be attended to at once. We therefore urge our friends to write at once and state what hospitality they can give. Address Miss Ellen Smith, W.F.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Miss Smith will also be glad to know of people who would throw their homes open to women who have nowhere to go while waiting for their trains.

STEWARDS.

Miss Hambling, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Hambling is still in need of a great number of stewards for the Albert Hall and for the overflow meeting at the Empress Rooms. Members of the W.F.U. only are eligible. Stewards will not be able to walk in the Procession, but will be able to see it from up, and must then go at once to the Hall, ready to be at their post when the Procession arrives.

It will greatly facilitate organisation if those to whom invitations to address meetings are sent would kindly reply quickly, so that if they cannot accept the invitation other speakers may be invited.

Rational Food Reform.

To every reader of VOTES FOR WOMEN we offer to send a

Free Guide Book to Rational Food Reform.

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BEHIND THE SCENES.

I think there is something peculiarly interesting in books which take us "behind the scenes," books which deal with our own times, with the events which are taking place around us. "Ingram" falls into this category, and is a book dealing with the happenings of the last six years in so far as they affect the Liberal Party. It is described by the author as "an exercise in the Disraelian manner." The plot is slight, the book being, in reality, a series of incidents loosely strung together. It is written by a Liberal, but Suffragettes will find it none the less interesting for that. The opening scene is a description of the General Election of 1906, during which the hero—Ingram—wins his seat in Parliament, and is singularly vivid. Who among us, for instance, but can remember the excitement of seeing figure after figure added to the Liberal total!

The Liberal majority so piled itself up that the bald adding of more units became exciting; and there were even some who declared that this became, after the first week, the sole guiding principle of the electorate. . . . The Liberals were in for a big majority, and the way to get a sensation out of it was to make it monstrous.

A book which attempts to deal with political life to-day would not, of course, be complete unless some mention was made of the ubiquitous Suffragette; and so sure enough we have THE SUBJECT cropping up at Ingram's first house party, where we find Lady Jean remarking disconsolately that a certain member of it is far more honest about his rowing than his politics.

"You are quite beautifully definite for once," she remarked, "which you never were at your meetings. And," she continues, "that's a kind of triumph for me, because the next best thing to reporting a convert is cataloguing an unmitigated opponent. My society will be so grateful." "These frightful organisations of the Inquisition," murmured a sleepy man. "They open under our feet in our least political moments."

(To the Suffragette the remedy of such a terrible state of affairs would appear obvious!) Towards the end of the book we find nearly a whole chapter devoted to Woman Suffrage.

"We're in luck (says Ingram in a letter), and have a House as good as gold. It has taken to the primest attention to business, and the most amiable rapidity, and the reason is—Women's Suffrage."

There's no way out now. We couldn't possibly introduce the sort of Bill the women want, though I wish we had said so a little more definitely at the beginning. It's irritating that they go on as they do. If we were all calm and dignified and argumentative the whole affair would be ridiculous. As it is, it has the dignity of a complete impasse. . . . No man knows where it's all coming out; we only know where, for the present, it isn't. They place us in a hopeless predicament. . . . They make us think enough! and so on and so forth.

There are many delightful touches in the book, and perfect little word sketches are given of many well-known figures on our political stage. We read of the young Member of Parliament found sound asleep over his letter-writing, who:—

With some constitutional readiness inherited from an ancestor who must have known how to sleep on the Treasury Bench, broke instantly into as much denunciation of letter-writing constituents as if he had been dealing with them uninterruptedly.

Then, again, we have the Cabinet Minister, who, hearing the word "woman" far up the table at a dinner-party, 'becomes feverishly brilliant about theatres'—while there is a singularly vivid description of a certain well remembered South London by-election.

The Suffragette reader will most certainly not agree with the author, when he comes to the status of the private member; but, as I have remarked, the author is a Liberal, and the Liberal Government is in power!

Perhaps the finest passage in the book occurs at the end, when the hero and his friend Matcham, are discussing the events of the past years, and reviewing the work done. Matcham is complaining that the session's work has been lost, and that there has been a big throw-back altogether.

"I don't think it's all throw-back," Ingram mused. "I believe we've done far more than we can see in our moment of disappointment. . . . The work of bringing the country up to a subject isn't wasted, I know. People at least understand what we're talking about when we start again. . . . Isn't it truer to measure Liberalism not only by what it puts on the Statute Book, but also by a great deal of what the other side puts there? One looks back, and sees the marks of Liberal Ministries not so much in where they left off as in where the other side began again. What if we exist mainly to raise, so to speak, the tide-level? Tories embark in their turn, and find that they can't go back to the old levels without drowning themselves; so like sensible men they go in where they are."

Even so; and this is the spirit of all Reformers all down the ages:—

Where the Vanguard halt To-day, the Rear will rest To-morrow.
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M.D.H.

A WAR CORRESPONDENT ON PEACE.

That Peace-Advocates can wish no stronger partisan for their cause than a war correspondent is proved by Mr. Nevinston's very interesting lecture, "Peace and War in the Balance," given by invitation of the Conway Memorial Committee, and published in book form.

He points out how nearly all wars nowadays are not wars to right wrongs, but wars instigated by, and made for, the profit of the great capitalists of the world; he draws attention to the fact that the people who do the fighting are not the rich, the luxurious, the effete, whose hardening and regeneration in that awful furnace of suffering would, perhaps, even justify the periodic horror of war; armies, are composed of the class injured already to every hardship and privation. Mr. Nevinston now advocates recruiting all armies from kings, lords, cabinet ministers, members of Parliament, speculators, contractors, and officials—the people who cause the wars and reap the benefits.

It was representatives of these people who formed the Hague Peace Conference, which Mr. Nevinston considers a hollow mockery. The talk there was, he said, less of Peace than of careful preparation for the next war.

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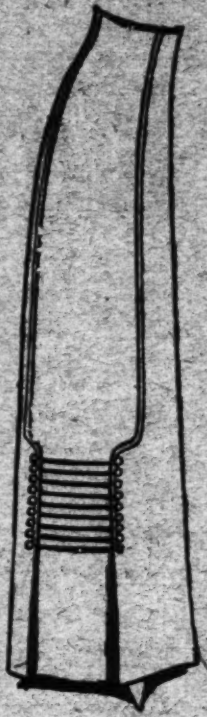
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THE WORK OF MISS A. E. RICE.

By Ethel M. Ducat.

"A work that excites so much wrath must at least be alive." How cordially do we of the Suffrage movement endorse that irrefutable logic; with what interest do we turn to examine work introduced by an authority thus; with what sympathetic comprehension and fellow-feeling do we hail the door of this vital, and, therefore, (as "life, strife, these two are one") strife-raising work, who calmly pursues her task, oblivious of gibes at her methods and of such gross insult to her creative production as that of its having been publicly spat upon.

"Have all the artists of the world worked until their very souls died within them for a full 4,000 years, only to leave the boasted art of to-day inferior to that which was produced by the crude tools and pigments of the Egyptians of 2,000 or 3,000 a.c.?" says a critic. "It is a woman, an American, who has done that original, yet unbelievably, ancient thing in art, Miss A. E. Rice," the American artist, lately exhibiting at the Baillie Gallery in Bruton-street, London. Yes, it is a woman, young, of no reputation, and standing alone, who has dared to do what the great master, Rodin, is only now daring to say—"creating scandal and heresies in art," incurring adverse criticisms and ridicule of art judges and of the public. An American critic, commenting on the theories expounded by Rodin in his recent discourses advocating a return to the Primitive Art of Egypt, remarks—

Miss Rice's inimitably clever dash into the domain of Egyptian painting served as a revelation of the unchanging truths discovered by the Egyptians.

Miss Rice has no intention of allowing any conventional restrictions to hamper her life work. She has absolutely no fear of that dreadful bugbear, "public opinion." She cares not a jot how much she "shocks" the art world or the world in general—really she bears a most suspicious resemblance to a militant Suffragette! She sees Truth as Rodin sees it—and, having seen it, she blurts it straight out, regardless of conventions and heedless of consequences. As Holbrook Jackson remarks, "The results are, of course, startling. Sincerity of vision is always startling."

Unfortunately, "Egyptian Dancers" was not included in the Exhibition, but there was another Egyptian model painting which is equally striking, and alive with the self-same intense vitality. It represents two female figures, one in a plumed casque headdress of striped blue and green, the other, an attendant in a purple blue loin-cloth, holding aloft a dish of many-coloured fruits, crowned with a colossal pineapple. The background is a gorgeous tapestry of every conceivable colour—in crude audacity. In complete contrast to this is the dreamy mystery of the picture entitled "Moonlight," where upon high white walls in the background and white-clad, white-capped female figures in the foreground, pale moonlight strikes.

All the pictures, without exception, are framed in white, and are hung on dead-white walls. There is no doubt that the art of Miss Rice is really decorative rather than pictorial. For proper scope for her genius this disciple of the Ancient Egyptians should be allowed vast walls of palaces and temples as her canvas. There she would be fitly placed, in any lesser space she conveys to the onlooker the impression that she is cramped for room for expression.

To the non-professional visitor, perhaps the most interesting exhibit is the Portrait of the Artist, by herself. It is, so critics have declared, a portrait of a portrait. The effect is that of a person looking in at a room through an open window-frame, above many-hued flowers, yellow and golden oranges and lemons. The head is swathed in a deep blue silk turban, and the oval, colourless, typically American face of the Artist confronts the spectator in an almost challenging manner. A critic has said that this portrait "might fairly be taken as marking an epoch in modern art."

Miss Rice's work has been lauded by competent judges as "the very best development of the Post-Impressionist Movement." She has been acclaimed as having added to the force and originality of that movement, which she possesses with all the other exponents of that school in the fullest degree, a something which the others lack—namely, "a feeling for beauty"—"a sense of pure beauty, both of colour and design."

We of the Women's Movement see with rejoicing yet another woman publicly acknowledged by the world as a pioneer along new lines; as an undaunted worker in the face of all opposition; as an originator of novel and daring innovations; as a human being of astonishing moral courage; as a possessor of her own soul, who has hewn out her own individual path to well-deserved fame—as an admitted Genius.

Standing in the conning-tower of our stout Dreadnought and gazing out over the stormy waters, from every port, from every country of the world we perceive the women freedom seekers embarking on the ocean. The flags of all nationalities fly from the mastsheads of their vessels, on board they carry rich merchandise of every conceivable description—of painting, of sculpture, of music, of science, of literature, of all good gifts that the world has ever known. Each barque, flying her nation's flag, and with her own special merchandise on board, puts out from shore, solitary and alone. Each one steers straight for the open sea. Then, when she has boldly ventured, she discovers that she is no longer alone; she has sailed into the midst of a great and growing flotilla, signalling her on every side. These are no "ships that pass in the night," they are the assembling units of a vast, mobilising, international fleet. And at every masthead to-day is flying signal of welcome and salute to the latest-joined unit of the great armada—to the gallant frigate, so gorgeously coloured, bearing the American flag, and sailing so boldly hitherto unexplored seas.

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At the moment of writing we are still without knowledge as to whether the Government will make provision for the passage of the Woman Suffrage Bill this Session, for the Prime Minister is not expected to make his statement until next week. In view of all the circumstances, we are entitled to assume that he will announce that facilities will be given for the Bill this Session. The Government's pledge of "effective facilities for this Parliament" is of itself enough to support our claim for

facilities this Session. For, as we have already argued in these columns, the Parliament Bill operates so as to make the first two Sessions of a Parliament the only really effective Sessions, and Bills introduced in the remaining Sessions are exposed to the danger of delay by the House of Lords until a new Parliament has been elected. That is to say, the promise that women shall be enfranchised before the next General Election which Mr. Asquith made when he undertook to give facilities in this Parliament, would be broken unless these facilities were given in this present Session.

This the Prime Minister himself freely and fully admitted when he said in the debate on Clause II. of the Parliament Bill that in practice a quinquennial Parliament will last "only four years and the clause will apply" only to Bills introduced in the first or second years of "a Parliament. Those introduced in the third and fourth years will have to stand over to a new Parliament." The fact of the matter is that although protection has been afforded to those privileged measures which are introduced in the first two Sessions, the likelihood of measures introduced in the later Sessions being delayed by the Lords is actually increased as the result of the Parliament Bill, for, as Lord Morley expressed it in his speech in the House of Lords on Tuesday last, "this right of delay will rest no longer upon the disputed survival of an antiquated right, but will rest upon the definite and formal assertion of a modern statute."

The reason why the Prime Minister's pledge must be fulfilled this Session is admirably stated by the *Manchester Guardian* in its leading article of the 22nd of May, as follows:

If it is hard to find time and peace for a non-party measure this Session, it will be harder next Session, and if the opportunity be not made this Session or next Session, the Bill will be at the absolute mercy of the House of Lords as well as of that even more redoubtable assemblage known as the chapter of accidents. If, therefore, Mr. Asquith wishes to keep his promise in substance and effect, or perhaps even to keep it at all, it is clear that the time for doing so is now.

For the reason indicated above and for yet another reason a refusal to let the Bill be carried now would be totally inconsistent with any genuine intention to let it be carried at all during this Parliament. Coronation year is obviously the proper one for carrying this great measure of reform, whose enactment will give rise to rejoicing so real and so widespread, and therefore no one who contemplated the concession of votes to women in this Parliament would decline to make that concession in the present year.

Again, the institution of payment of Members leads us to expect that the Woman Suffrage Bill will be carried this Session. To drive through this proposal and simultaneously to block the Bill giving women the right to vote for the Members they are called upon to pay would, indeed, be a flagrant violation of the constitutional principle that taxation and representation must go together.

The Prime Minister, in his presidential address to the Imperial Conference, referred in reverent fashion to his predecessor, the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, whose name, he declared, would always be associated with the grant of full self-government to the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies. Within a few days we shall know whether Mr. Asquith and his colleagues aspire to the honour, certainly no less great, of being identified with the grant of self-government to the women of Great Britain and Ireland.

It is quite certain that modern political history can show nothing to equal the abounding joy and enthusiasm with which women will receive the assurance of Votes this Session.

Christabel Pankhurst.

WHEN THE WOMEN OF ENGLAND GET THE VOTE.

By Gertrude Atherton

(Author of "American Wives and English Husbands," "The Californians," "The Conqueror," and other Novels.)

It is with much diffidence that I approach a subject of which I feel sure that every reader of this remarkable paper knows far more than I do. I never should have dreamed of contributing to VOTES FOR WOMEN unless invited; however, I do my best and ask for indulgence.

It has been an interesting experience for me to come over from a country where the question of Woman's Suffrage is sporadic, and subject to the mutations of fashion, to this headquarters of civilisation and find it as concentrated, persistent, intense, and fanatical (using the term as it has been applied throughout history to the initiators of all great reforms), as the most epoch-making of the religious upheavals which sent their martyrs to the stake.

The Suffrage movement was started in the United States; and to the master minds and stern, unyielding purpose of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton we American women of the present generation owe our quite extraordinary freedom from the mean and harassing conventions of the older civilizations. It is seldom that American women pause to consider this fact—possibly few are aware of it—but it is a fact which should make every American woman of average intelligence and a reasonable amount of leisure an ardent fighter for the full rights of women, and the improvement of her weaker sisters. But, in a population of ninety millions, the proportion of Suffragists is very small indeed. Five States have fought for equal franchise and won it; and various suffrage societies, composed of devoted bands of women with more fervour than tact, have kept the question alive. But it is only in the last two or three years that Suffrage has become "the fashion" in the United States, owing to the avowed and active interest of certain leaders of Society. So far, these women have shown much energy, cleverness, and determination, besides contributing very considerable sums of money. It is to be hoped their enthusiasm will continue, at all events until they have waked the country up, and multiplied their converts; otherwise, I am afraid it will be many years before Suffrage is wrested from every legislature in the Union. We are too many, too scattered, too spoiled by our men, we have too huge a majority of frivolous and optimistic mere females, to fight on with undiminished ardour for more than we of the more fortunate classes already enjoy, and it is only in the last three or four years that it has not been considered banal for American women to interest themselves in politics. Outside of Washington one seldom heard the subject broached even by men.

But how different it is in England. Here is a large concentrated body of women, brought up on politics, oppressed and humiliated by laws made by and for men, and driven to revolt, not through vanity, nor ennui, not only from a desire to raise the standard of health, comfort and happiness of their entire sex, but from a now full grown self-respect—that more poised and noble complement of the masculine Ego which, not unnaturally, has achieved the proportions of a malignant tumor. For, mark you, these women are the daughters of men, a fact which men curiously overlook. Ever since the wife ceased to spend her days with the women of her household, weaving, making tapestry (whatever may have been their poor resource between feeding and reproduction) and has discussed the affairs of the world with her husband at breakfast and dinner, or even listened to him hold forth, the brains of her offspring, female as well as male, have become more and mentalized. And, as in this era of small families, the days do not grow any shorter, and all women are not endowed with artistic genius, it would be surprising indeed if the strong-brained women of England had not turned their thoughts to the awakening and advancement of their sex; and, in the process, developed several of the most statesman-like brains in Great Britain to-day.

The wonder is, not only that the men of their country do not accept the inevitable and have done with it, but that they should not welcome the political support of these women, who throughout the past six years at least, to go no further back, have proved themselves possessed in the highest degree of precisely the same qualities, courage, craft, political acumen, diabolical resource, indomitable spirit, and powerful subtle brains, that have made Great Britain the first among nations. Several days ago I read those sound and fascinating essays of "Pacifists," gathered under the title of "Federation and Home Rule," and what struck me particularly was the reiterated plea for subsidiary parliaments in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales; on the ground that time and human energy being definitely limited, it was manifestly impossible for the two houses at Westminster, while menaced with great and grave dangers, more than enough to occupy the best of their resources, to find time to wrestle with an unending stream of domestic bills; no, not if

Parliament sat for every moment during three hundred and sixty five days of the year. I had no sooner finished the volume than I read the following in the Standard of April 28:—

The House faced a social problem to-night: what shall we do with our poor? A year and a half have passed since the reports of the Poor Law Royal Commission. Nothing has been done, and the question continually sounded was: When is something going to be done to deal with the poverty-stricken from a broad, sensible, economic, social point of view? But how few men were present! The paltry attendance was a thing which struck one as strange when the subject was the perplexing but pressing problem of the poor.

Well, it is hardly remarkable if the overworked and harassed members are callous regarding any question which, they fancy, can hold over until more pressing matters are settled. But, as it happens, this question of the poor, aside from the promptings of common humanity, is one that cannot be held in leash much longer; the tide of Socialism is rising higher every day, and Parliament, when it considers it at all, takes hold of it at the wrong end. Parliament, as it is at present constituted, is not equal to its job. Both its friends and enemies agree upon that point. Why not, then, give the country a Woman's Parliament (the last thing they desire is to sit in Westminster), and let them tackle the poor? Women understand the poor. Many of them have worked in hospitals; theirs has been the part to labour in slums and look to the well-being of the women in small towns and villages. They understand the question from A to Z, including the stupid submission of the woman of the labouring class to her man, and the mortality of infants. This whole question of the poor, mainly economic, although due in part to false education and the inferior legal status of woman, they understand as no male legislator concerned with the nation as a whole, and long since obtuse to that mere human suffering which has existed since the beginning of time, ever can understand it. Isolated men have comprehended and sympathised, and to them we owe the menace of Socialism, for they have found no other solution; but never until now has a vast consolidated body of Britons risen and demanded that poverty shall be relegated to the disgraceful chapters of history. That this body is composed almost entirely of women and that the poor are their main concern—the vote being but a means to that end—redounds to the glory of Britain, but hardly to that of its men.

And the women, my men, could avert Socialism—that form of Socialism, I mean, which is but another word for revolution; certain phases will come in as automatically as the clock goes round. They have the time and the statecraft, the tact and the knowledge of human nature, to reform the present disgraceful condition of the poor and still maintain existing institutions. The most advanced Liberal wants his empire preserved; it is only the depatriotised poor, inflamed with doctrines they do not understand, who think of themselves alone.

So, turn over the poor laws to the women, my masters, and avert a revolution; for that is what the world, looking over your shifting barricade of words and confused policies, finds you ripe for. Not that the poor will ever be satisfied. I am too much of a Californian to hope for any such Utopia as that. California is a state almost as large as the British Isles; there is sun for eight months in the year, consequently little need of fires; fruits, fish and vegetables in such abundance that they are a drug on the market, meat reasonably cheap, rents ditto, no poverty from economic causes, and the highest wages, for men at least, in the United States. And yet, nowhere on the face of this earth are there such tyrannical and rapacious labour unions as in San Francisco. Having much they "want the earth."

But in the English climate it would be difficult to spoil even the rich, and although the labour classes will want more and more, the more you do for them, there is no question that they are entitled to far more than they have at present. With tact and discretion, and not giving them too much at the outset, while yet relieving them from the discomfort and debasement of poverty, they could be made into self-respecting, patriotic Britons, and a revolution be averted.

I think there can be no question in the minds of any intelligent student of the present conditions in England that the awakened, public-spirited, humane, and determined women bred by this great suffrage movement alone could accomplish this end. Aside from these qualities, and brains heretofore euphemistically known as "masculine," they have that precious commodity Time. The Woman's Era approaches, her sun rises, this century is hers. They are making converts of men all over the country, for brain-power, when concentrated by the right sort of fanaticism, operates and converts independently of sex. Let the men of Westminster make friends and allies of these women before it is too late, and they find themselves suddenly sequestered in their library armchairs and muttering of "good old times."

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April 5 to April 7.

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NOTE.—The item "Miss Elsie Fallon, 12s. 6d. in issue of May 12, should have been "Miss Elsie Fallon".

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Fethick Lawrence and crossed "Barclay and Co."

PROTESTS AT MILE END.

Hearing that Sir John Simon, in whose constituency I reside and to whose party I belonged for many years, was to be the chief speaker at a Free Trade demonstration in Mile End on Wednesday last, I decided to attend the meeting in order to ask a question about the Conciliation Bill.

My friend and I entered the hall as the organ was pealing forth "Britons never shall be slaves." What mendacious hypocrisy! Were those lusty singers unconcerned about Britain's women, who are forcibly subjected to government without consent? Mr. Sydney Buxton was in the chair, and we decided that my friend should send a letter to him, as a representative of the Government, asking him to state, in the course of his remarks, if he would use his influence to secure facilities for the successful carrying into law this session of the Conciliation Bill. Although we waited until the end of the meeting, and although Mr. Buxton expressed opinions on questions of the day other than Free Trade, not a word did he utter even of a personal nature about the Woman's Bill. When he remarked that "if we would secure the well-being of the country," a voice from the body of the hall supplied, "Give votes to women." The comment was made so naturally that I only gathered the full import of the words by the subsequent hysterical behaviour of the stewards, some seven or eight of whom set upon this one individual in a most brutal fashion.

When order was restored a gentleman, remaining seated, asked, in a quiet manner, a further question, whereupon a second stampede of stewards took place, and although the questioner protested in as dignified a manner as was possible under the circumstances, he was overpowered and ejected. So savagely was he used that several men were unable to refrain from remonstrating with the stewards, and one more indignant than the rest, although a Liberal and a member of the Free Trade Union, was also thrown out with much violence. Mr. Buxton was calling to the stewards from the platform to leave "the fellow" alone, but so blind and deaf to reason had they become, they paid no heed.

I was so disgusted at what I had seen that I got up from my seat to ask why it was that men who championed the woman's cause were so disgracefully treated, while men who made other remarks were allowed to go unmolested. Immediately we were surrounded by stewards, who told us to "shut up" or we should be "chucked out same as the others."

Outside the building a man came up to us who told us he had been home to change his clothes. He said, "I hope they did not hurt you, ladies. I am a member of the Liberal Association and I believe in brotherhood; I could not see that man treated as he was without protesting, and you saw what happened to me."

We thanked him and went on our way, our faith in mankind revived by his kind words and chivalrous action.

E. F.

A member of the M.P.U. had a short conversation with Sir Edward Grey at the Pilgrims' Banquet on Tuesday night, and urged him to use his influence with the Cabinet to press for facilities for the Bill.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT AT IPSWICH.

Ipswich members and friends are to be congratulated on the successful and charming entertainment on Wednesday, May 10, in the Ipswich Lyceum. Two plays "An Englishwoman's Home" and "The Apple" were kindly performed by members of the Actresses' Franchise League, and a most charming juvenile ballet in the W.S.P.U. colours, arranged by Madame Baird, was given by numbers of dainty little lads and lasses. Mrs. Fethick Lawrence was the guest of the afternoon. As an introduction to a long and interesting account of the entertainment the *East Anglian Times* says:—"The motto of the W.S.P.U. should be 'Thorough.' These energetic ladies are in the habit of storming and capturing various male strongholds, and on Wednesday they were in temporary possession of that Temple of the Drama, the Ipswich Lyceum, where they showed that they could entertain very delightfully, and that, in fact, they are 'heavenly hosts.' All was happiness and harmony, and it was possible to remember that there are other things in life for women to live for besides the vote, viz., smart hats and pretty frocks."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN EGYPT.

One of the most interesting items of the Moslem Congress now being held at Heliopolis, says the correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, was the discourse on Moslem women by Mme. Badiah, daughter of Hafiz Bey Nasif, vice-president of the Tanta Tribunals. This speech was read on behalf of the authorities, who is well-known among natives for her enlightened views and her learning. Among other proposals she asks for Moslem women the right to attend prayers and sermons in the mosques; to have primary education of young women made obligatory on all parents who can afford the expense; to increase the number of nursing homes; and to admit young girls to the schools of medicine; to use practical means for reducing polygamy and the abuse of divorce; and to teach Mohammedan girls needlework, housekeeping, and hygiene.

SUFFRAGETTE WEDDING.

In the Union Chapel, Queen's Square, Brighton, the Rev. Rhonda Williams officiating, a novel and interesting suffragette wedding took place on Monday morning, May 8, between Miss A. Davies and Mr. J. G. Parsons, both of Brighton. The bride and groom were accompanied by a full force, armed with red-colour flags, to do honour to the occasion. The distinctive features of the wedding were the exchange of rings between bride and bridegroom, and the special wording of the marriage service which expressly intimated that the two people thus uniting themselves together did so on the ground of perfect equality as comrades and help-meets to each other in whatever circumstances life might open up to them.

A PRINCESS AND HER TAXES.

On May 22, at Spelthorne Petty Sessions, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, of Faraday House, Hampton Court, was summoned for keeping a carriage and man servant and five dogs without licenses, and for using armorial bearings—eight summonses in all. Mr. Leon Castello, who appeared for the Princess, said she very much regretted that she could not attend the court herself. He admitted all the summonses except that relating to armorial bearings. The Princess had asked him to protest on her behalf against the injustice of making women, who had no voice in the management of the country, liable to taxation. The chairman said they had nothing to do with that, and the Bench decided to fine the Princess £1 for not taking out dog licenses, £1 for keeping a non-licensed male servant, and £1 for keeping an unlicensed carriage. The question of the armorial bearings was reserved for consideration.

MRS. DESPARD'S TAXES.

Household property belonging to Mrs. Despard was sold at auction on Saturday, to satisfy a demand for about £10 income tax and inhabited house duty which she had refused to pay. There was a large number of well-known Suffragists in the auction room, and banners with the motto "No Vote No Tax" were shown. Mrs. Despard protested "in the most emphatic way of which I am capable against these iniquities which are perpetually being perpetrated in the name of the law. I have served my country in various capacities, but I am shut out altogether from citizenship. . . . I know that this sale is illegal."

Miss Andrews (Ipswich) and Mrs. Emma Sproson (Wolverhampton) have been sent to prison for non-payment of dog-tax.

THE TURNING TIDE.

An enthusiastic demonstration in favour of the Bill took place on Tuesday afternoon, at St. James's Hall, Worthing, under the auspices of the Worthing Women's Franchise Society. There was a large attendance, and Lady Maud Parry, who presided, was supported on the platform by Canon Deane, Lady Betty Balfour, Mr. Israel Zangwill, Mrs. Zangwill, Councillor Ellen Chapman and others. Lady Maud Parry said she was a constitutional suffragist not a militant, and yet with their splendid majority in the House of 187 she did not feel the militants had done them any real harm (hear, hear, and laughter). The motives of the militant section were sometimes difficult to understand, "but you can't expect idealists and enthusiasts to behave quite like other people" (laughter). She wanted them all to work together, militants and non-militants, to sink their differences. The women's movement was not a war against men, but a movement on behalf of the progress of the whole human race (applause).

Mr. Zangwill made a characteristically witty and eloquent speech. The vote, he said, did not stand alone, but it was a symbol of woman's status and dignity. He was glad to say the tide was turning in the affairs of women. After forty years' wandering in the wilderness there were signs that the promised land was in sight. This year of Coronation, a time of pomp, pageantry, and peace, was overclouded by two great questions—the Lords and the ladies. Both were due to Mr. Asquith, who would (2) take away political power from the Lords and would not give political power to the ladies (loud laughter). By a majority of 187 the voice of the people demanded women's suffrage. Why, then, did Mr. Asquith not hasten to carry out the voice of the people? The policy of the militant suffragists, he went on to say, had been described as one of pinpricks. At any rate pinpricks were better than bombs and pistols, such as the anarchist ladies used in Russia. He hoped they had come to the end of these unfortunate episodes, and that this Coronation year would see the same peaceful evolution toward women's suffrage as other countries had witnessed (applause).

Addresses were also given by Mrs. Corbett (representing the Forward Suffrage Union of the Women's Liberal Federation), and Lady Betty Balfour, who said the Conservative Suffragists must come out as strongly in support of the cause as the Liberal women had done, and as strongly as every section of political parties in the House of Commons had done. The time had come when those women who were serious about the matter, on the Conservative as well as the Liberal side, must say to those anti-Suffrage Members of Parliament, "You won't support our Bill, you don't want the enfranchisement of women, and women won't help you politically." She was told that in that constituency the Member, who was an anti-Suffragist, when he was questioned about the Bill, said there was no demand for it in Worthing. ("Shame.") She hoped every Conservative lady would remind him of that speech, and when another election came about would say to him, "No, not this time; we can't help you because there is a demand for this in Worthing, and you opposed it." (Applause.) She regretted that the only section of women who were showing indifference on this question were the Conservative women.—Dr. Goettling also spoke, and a resolution in support of the Conciliation Bill was carried.

JOHN STUART MILL.

On Saturday, May 20, representatives of various suffrage societies commemorated the anniversary of John Stuart Mill's birthday. A procession was formed up outside the Freeborn League offices in Adelphi, and marched to the Temple Gardens, where wreaths were placed round the statue. Mrs. Massey, on behalf of the W.S.P.U., laid a beautiful wreath, in the colours, at the base. On a card were the words: "In Memory of John Stuart Mill. One who never turned his back but marched breast forward."

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on May 20, of Mrs. Charlotte Loft. Though prevented from taking an active part in the work of the Union, of which she was a member, she was a strong supporter of the cause, and never failed to give of her sympathy or her mite from her hard-earned savings. The Union is the poorer for her loss.

NOTICE!

The Ticket Secretary wishes to inform all officers, marshals, captains, paper-sellers, and other officers in the Procession on June 17 that it has not been possible to arrange any special accommodation for them in the Albert Hall, and they are therefore requested to take tickets in the same way as other members of the audience. The same applies to prisoners and deputies walking in the Prisoners' Contingent.

THE N.U.T. AND THE VOTE.

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors,—In view of the fact that a resolution is to be sent immediately from Russell Square to be discussed at the Association meetings, the women suffragist members of the Union who sent their names to me as withholding subscriptions have decided to remain in the Union and work for the passing of the resolution. This can be easily done as women members in the Union are 40,000 strong, with an actual majority of 8,000. Our men colleagues will doubtless prove themselves as fair-minded and public-spirited as the 118 Town and other Councils who have passed resolutions in favour of the Conciliation Bill. When the resolution is passed copies should be sent to the Prime Minister, to the local M.P., and to the Press. The splendid stand taken by Miss Clegg and the other women of the Executive, with Miss Byett, President of the Birmingham Association, and Miss Phipps, of Swansea, calls for loyalty and support from all woman teachers.—Yours, etc.,
H. M. TOWNSEND.
27, Musillo Road,
Lee, S.E.

WOMEN AND KNIGHTHOOD.

If the usual distribution of honours accompanies the Coronation, the Mayores of Brecon will receive a knighthood. Knights for ladies are rare nowadays, but it was not so in feudal times. For instance, Abergavenny Castle was held by knight's service, and Eva, daughter of William Lord Broese, held it so. Her tomb is in St. Mary's Church, Abergavenny, dated 1246, and is the earliest inscribed stone effigy to a woman in Britain. Eva married Baron de Cantilupe, and her daughter was also a knight. Her tomb is the only instance known of a stone effigy to a woman decorated with the insignia of knighthood.
—*Evening News*.

GO IN AND WIN.

The following little tale has a moral which is not hard to read. The Willesden Board of Guardians recently advertised for a superintendent for their scattered homes. Though they refused to invite applications from women, among the large number of candidates were eight women, and one of them has now secured the post.

DIVORCE LAW REFORM.

At the meeting at the Criterion, organised by the Actresses Franchise League last Thursday, Mr. Cecil Chapman said that the question of divorce was one which would soon be dealt with by a Parliament which at present was only elected by men. He could not conceive anything more anomalous, absurd, and unjust than that a matter so vitally affecting the women of the country should be settled without their having been consulted. Most of the injustice which existed under the marriage laws, he continued, was due to the theory that a woman when she married became one with her husband, and as far as the law was concerned, lost all individuality. That theory was based on the assumption that might is right. In the marriage ceremony a woman was made to vow obedience to her husband. Obedience to anything but reason and conscience was not a virtue, but a vice. Such a vow made by the woman was neither good for her nor for the man, and in his opinion it ought to be abolished. A significant feature of the marriage service was the fact that a woman had to be given away, as a possession, to her husband.

DUBLIN'S LADY MAYORESS.

On Wednesday, May 17, several members of the Irish Women's Franchise League, Dublin, attended the musical At Home given by the Lady Mayoress, and Miss Webb, in the name of the league, presented her with a handsome Tara brooch, suitably inscribed, as a mark of appreciation for her great interest in the Suffrage Movement. Mrs. Earl presented Master Peter Farrell with an orange and green Votes for Women badge.

A DISTINGUISHED WOMAN WHO WILL MARCH.

Miss Caroline Spurgeon has lately taken, with brilliant success, the degree of Doctor de l'Université de Paris (Lettres). The subject of her thesis was, "Chaucer devant la Critique en Angleterre et en France depuis son temps jusqu'à nos jours." Her "soutenance," a defence of the thesis in public, before the professors at the Sorbonne, gained for her the additional honour of "mention très honorable," a distinction rarely gained by a foreigner. Some one present at the ceremony writes:—"I should think that no one was ever more cordially received, or more in confidence. Her judges bore testimony to her burden of erudition, which she carried without being weighed down, and congratulated her upon her excellent French style. Evidently she is most considered, admired, and respected at the Sorbonne, and I felt proud of my sex, and of my country." Miss Spurgeon, who is a member of the W.S.P.U., is, of course, walking in the great procession of June 17.

GERMAN WOMEN.

In the *Daily Chronicle* of Wednesday, May 17, there is an exceedingly interesting article by Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick on "Some German Women." In concluding it Mrs. Sidgwick says:—"Our own generation has seen the German woman determined that she will be educated. Future ones will probably watch her get the vote, and teach men to fight, bloodlessly, in law courts. Was not *Die Waffen Nieder* written by a woman?"

TRICKERY.

We regret to record a particularly shameful piece of trickery by which certain papers have attempted to discredit our cause. One of the defendants now being charged at Worcester with horrible cruelty has been pictured by them as a "Suffragette," though her name was not in the least identified with the movement. The *Westminster Gazette*, for instance, printed a conspicuous headline, "Alleged Slave Girl kept by Suffragette." If the two men involved in the charge happened to be Liberals, and a Conservative paper had written "Alleged Slave Girl kept by Liberals" we can imagine the pious wrath of the *Westminster Gazette*. But there are some papers, not conspicuous for courage themselves, that seem to think no weapon too base to be used against gallant and devoted women engaged in the contest for political liberty.—H. W. N., in *Men's League for Women's Suffrage Monthly Paper*.

First Urchin (to Suffragette bicycling on footway on account of bad road): There's a policeman at the bottom!

Second Urchin: Don't matter. He won't say nothing to her—she's a Suffragette!

Coronation Festivities, (Shinfield). The Committee is making satisfactory progress. It has been decided to provide all the men in the parish with a substantial meat tea, and all women and children with an abundant tea.—*Reading Mercury*.

SOME EXCURSION FACILITIES.

Bath.—8.58 Returning Paddington, 1.15 midnight. Return fare, 5s. 6d.

Bescott.—11.10 a.m. Return, Euston, 12.45 midnight. Fare, 5s.

Birmingham.—Leave L.N.W. Station, 11.30, G.W. Station, 11.30. Return, Euston, 12.45. Return, Paddington, 11.20. Fare, 5s.

Boston.—There will probably be an excursion on June 17.

Bradford.—Trains leave Bradford at 12 midnight and at 5 a.m. on June 16, returning from London at midnight on June 17. Fare, 11s.

Cheltenham.—Week-end ticket, 12s. return. Available any train, probably leaving 11.15. Carriages reserved.

Chippenham.—9.20 a.m. Return, Paddington, 1.15 midnight.

Coventry.—12.45. Return, Euston, 12.45 midnight. Fare, 4s.

Dover Harbour.—8.45. Return, Charing Cross, 12.10 midnight. Return fare, 4s.

Dover Priory.—8.50. Return Charing Cross, 12.10 midnight. Return fare, 4s.

Dudley Port.—11.29 a.m. Join special train at Birmingham. Fare, 5s.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.—Excursions 4 and 8 days, 27s.; 15 days, 37s. 6d.

Folkestone, Central.—8.25. Return, Charing Cross, 12.10 midnight. Return fare, 4s.

Folkestone, Junction.—8.30. Return, Charing Cross, 12.10 midnight. Return fare, 4s.

Glasgow.—Cheap week-end tickets.

Hullfax.—Great Northern 7.1 a.m. Join Leeds somewhere on way.

Ipswich.—An excursion train (4s. 3d. return) will leave at 10.6 a.m., returning at midnight.

Leeds.—Great Northern train, 7.50 a.m. June 17, breakfast car. Return, King's Cross, 12.25 a.m. Fare, 11s.

Liverpool.—Leaves Lime Street Station 10 a.m. Returning midnight. 11s. return.

Manchester.—Arrangements will be made to leave about 7 a.m., returning 12.15 midnight. 11s. return.

Margate and Ramsgate.—Excursion probably starting from Margate, calling at Margate, Herne Bay, Whitstable, Sittingbourne, Gillingham, and Chatham. About 4s. return.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Return fare from Central to St. Pancras, 12s. Train leaves Newcastle Friday midnight. Return Saturday midnight.

Northampton.—1.20 p.m. Arrives at Euston 2.45 p.m. Return train leaves Euston at 12.45 a.m. Return fare, 3s. 5d.

Nottingham.—Great Central Railway will reserve carriages on their weekly half-day excursion train, which is a Dining Car and Corridor Express. The train leaves Nottingham, Victoria, at 12.5 and arrives

at Marylebone at 2.35 (fare 4s. 3d.), and the return train leaves Marylebone at 12.15 midnight.

Oxford.—1.30 p.m. Returning, Paddington, 11.20 p.m. Fare, 3s. 6d.

Peterhead.—Details later. Fare probably 11s. or 12s.

Portsmouth.—"Dockyard" excursion on June 17. Start early in the morning and return the same night. Return fare, 4s. 6d.

Raigh.—The week-end cheap ticket, 2s. 9d. return, is available. Train leaves Raigh 1.53 p.m., reaching Liverpool-street 3.3 p.m., returning 12.3 midnight, reaching Raigh 12.57 a.m. Fare, 2s. 8d. return.

Reading.—The ordinary cheap Saturday tickets can be used.

Redhill.—Reduced fares will probably be arranged.

Rochester and Chatham.—2s. 8d. return.

Rugby.—1 p.m. Return Euston, 12.45. Fare, 3s. 9d.

Sheffield.—The ordinary excursion will be at 5s. 6d. Midland.

Southampton.—Particulars later.

Southport.—Train starts after 8 in the morning arriving at Euston at 1.30, returning the same night at 12 o'clock.

Stafford.—10.30 a.m. Join special train at Wolverhampton. Fare, 5s.

Trombridge.—8.45 a.m. Return, Paddington, 1.15 midnight.

Venar.—Cross to Portsmouth and take special train there.

Wales.—Arrangements are being made for special train. Return fare from Cardiff, 7s. Particulars later.

Walsall.—11.30 a.m. Join special train at Bescott. Fare, 5s.

West of England.—Weston-super-Mare, departure 7.35; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 midnight. Teignmouth, departure 8.15; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Clifton Down, departure 8; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Radford, departure 8.2; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Montpellier, departure 8.5; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Stratford Road, departure 8.10; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Lawrence H. H., departure 8.12; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m. Swindon, departure 10.5; arrival 11.53; leave Paddington 1.15 a.m.

Wolverhampton.—11.30 a.m. Return, Paddington, 11.20 p.m. Return, Euston, 12.45 midnight. Fare, 5s.

Excursions will be run from Weston-super-Mare calling at Bristol, Bath, Chippenham, Trowbridge and Swindon, and from Oxford. Further details will be given later.

In reply to a correspondent who asks us to publish directions as to how best to get back to the principal railway stations after the Albert Hall meeting, a little book called "Aids to Travel about London, Coronation Edition," may be had from Gale and Polden, Ltd., 2, Amen Corner, London, E.C.4, and from station bookstalls, price 1d.

MRS. PANKHURST AT WATFORD.

On Wednesday, May 10, a most delightful drawing-room meeting was held at Coniston, Watford, through the kindness of Mr. and the Misses Dodwell. About 120 people, many of whom had never attended a suffrage meeting before, had accepted invitations to be present. The room in which the meeting was held was charmingly decorated in the colours of the Union. Miss Muriel Thompson took the chair, and the guests had the great privilege of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst. Miss Thompson stated shortly the objects of the various Suffrage societies, with special reference to the W.S.P.U. She also cleared away popular misapprehension by explaining exactly what we do not want.

Mrs. Pankhurst dwelt on the present political situation, and the necessity for strenuous work in bringing pressure to bear upon the Government to grant facilities for the Bill now before Parliament. She then passed on to explain the pressing need for the vote, and quoted instances from her own experience when "lobbying" for reforms connected with the Poor-law to show how little the interests of women are considered by members of Parliament. She also pointed out that with the best intentions in the world men are unable to appreciate the woman's point of view, particularly with regard to such subjects as the divorce laws, infant mortality, maternity questions, and sweated labour.

Questions were asked at the end of the meeting, and Mrs. Pankhurst, by her answers, was able to dispel much of the prejudice against militant methods, while it was obvious from the applause that as usual, Mrs. Pankhurst's persuasive eloquence and logical reasoning had made a very great impression. VOTES FOR WOMEN and other literature were sold, and an appeal was made to the audience to join in the great procession of June 17. Some enthusiastic members lined the drive and cheered Mrs. Pankhurst as she drove away in the Union car.

BLOUSES AT 1½d.

An only too typical instance of the scandalously low wages with which women's work is often rewarded came up recently at West Ham Police-court, when Mrs. Barnfield was summoned for detaining blouses, for the making of which she was paid 2d. each. During the course of the proceedings Mrs. Barnfield said that for some of the blouses she only got 1½d. The most she could do was 18 or 21 a day, and she had to provide her own cotton.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION For Women's Enfranchisement.

Office: 15, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.
Telephone: City 6573.

Founder and Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.
Militant Action.—By the time this report appears we shall know the Prime Minister's decision as to the granting of facilities for the Conciliation Bill, and although there is every reason to expect it to be favourable, this Union is preparing for determined militant action in the event of a refusal. Several men have already sent in their names, but the larger the number the better it will be, and all those prepared to make this sacrifice should communicate immediately with Mr. Victor D. Duval, at the above address. We know we can rely upon every member of the M.P.U. doing his utmost. An account of a protest made by members of this Union will be found on another page. Members are asked to note the Wood Green meeting below.

Procession.—Thirty banner carriers urgently needed. This Union has undertaken as usual to provide the banner carriers for the W.S.P.U., and we are pleased to announce that the Men's League have promised to share this task with us. Will all those who helped last year and others send their names immediately (as time is short) to the Procession Secretary of the M.P.U. We are anxious to have the biggest contingent of men that has ever marched in a Woman Suffrage Procession, and members are especially urged to bring their sympathetic friends.

The Speakers' Class is growing, and those who do not yet feel equal to helping the cause by addressing a meeting are reminded of the advantages which it affords. Miss Rosa Leo instructs the class at the offices every Monday evening, 7.45 sharp. Fees 21s. first ten lessons and 10s. 6d. for each succeeding ten, payable in advance. Subject for May 29, "Men are Men and Women are Women."

Advertising.—Will members who can spare time to chalk and distribute leaflets, send their names to Miss Bowker, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Birmingham.—Hon. Sec.—Mr. H. E. Willson, 52, Holley Road, Handsworth. A Local Branch is being started in West Bromwich, and friends in this district should communicate with the Birmingham hon. sec. Handbills (with train arrangements for the Procession) may be had on application. As it is easier to obtain a reduction in the price of railway tickets for a larger number of people, will members please apply at once to the hon. sec. and let him know how many they require.

North London Section.—Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. V. Clarke, 3, Meadowcroft Villas, Palmer's Green, N. Everything is ready for the meeting next Thursday (June 1), in the Assembly Rooms, Wood Green, N., at 8 p.m. Mr. Frank Rutter in the chair. Speakers: Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mr. Hugh A. Franklin, Mr. B. V. Clarke, and Mr. A. L. Casserley. Tickets, 6d. each, from the local hon. sec., and admission also free. Stewards are needed, and will any London member who can be free that evening send name at once to Mr. Clarke, and be at the hall by 7 at the very latest. (These meetings will be held: Saturday, May 27, and Tuesday, May 30, Spouter's Corner, Wood Green, N., 7.30 p.m.)

Treasurer's Note.—The appeal of Mr. Hawkins' case against the Bradford League of Young Liberals will probably be heard in about a fortnight, and friends are reminded of the large cost involved in all such cases, whether the result is favourable or otherwise. The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Amount already acknowledged	£218 7 9
From: (To the brave hunger strikers from a member of the W.S.P.U.)	5 0 0
Miss A. Smith	1 1 0
Miss M. Smith	1 1 0
Miss Goodlife	2 10 0
Frank Norman, Esq.	0 2 6
A. W. Gray-Jenrich, Esq.	0 0 0
Miss G. N. Boyle	0 0 0
H. Strachan, Esq.	0 10 0
H. W. Nevison, Esq.	0 3 7
Mrs. Rosemary Massey	1 0 0
Miss H. R. Fildhill	0 5 0
B. P. Ellis, Esq.	0 7 6
Miss May Robinson	1 0 0
R. Bowden-Smith, Esq. (travelling expenses)	0 1 4
Collection at Canton Hall	11 1 2
Total	£45 11 10

NOTE.—Amount acknowledged last week under "donations" should not have been acknowledged, as it had previously been announced.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

IMPORTANT.—Members are again reminded that owing to their not notifying Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U. Office, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C., of any change of address, much work and expense is entailed at headquarters.

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The urgency of selling VOTES FOR WOMEN could not have been more forcibly illustrated than it was last

week by the extraordinary way in which the Press almost boycotted the coming of the Lord Mayor of Dublin. While this systematic boycott lasts, members are entirely dependent upon their own paper as a medium through which they can make known the truth to the general public. As Miss Pankhurst has put it, the paper is the backbone of this movement. Miss Helen Craggs appeals to all those who recognise the importance of the paper to come forward to increase its sale, and those who will help, however short may be the time which they can give, are asked to communicate with her at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross-road.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

Day	Time	Location	Speakers/Chair	Time
Friday, 26	7.45 p.m.	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Dulwich Village, St. Barnabas Hall	The Lady Isabel Margesson, Rev. Herbert Williams, Miss Gwendoline Logan	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Forest Gate, Sebert Road	Greycoat Place, Westminster	8 p.m.
"	12 noon	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Chair, Miss Ellison	12 noon
"	8 p.m.	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside)	Mrs. Bouvier	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Hoxton, St. John's Church, Pitfield Street	Miss West, Miss Nicholls	8 p.m.
"	7.30 p.m.	New Barnet, Railway Arch	Miss Naylor, Chair: Miss Wright	7.30 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Putney, Monserrat Road	Miss Peck	8 p.m.
"	8.30 p.m.	Soho, Gargett and	Miss H. Gargett	8.30 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Sydenham, High Street	Miss Ada Wright	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Tufnell Park Tube Station, "Boston"	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
"	7.30 p.m.	Walworth Road, near Town Hall	Miss Richard, Miss Grant	7.30 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Woolwich	Miss Gibbs, Miss M. D. Graham	8 p.m.
Saturday, 27	8 p.m.	Chislewick, High Road	Miss Coombs	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	178, Finchley Road	Opening of new Shop	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Fulham, Shorrolds Road	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Davison, Chair: Miss Simpson	8 p.m.
"	7 p.m.	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Peck, Chair: Miss Nichol	7 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Members and Friends	8 p.m.
"	4.30 to 7 p.m.	Lewisham, Shop, Rally	Mrs. Bouvier, Chair: Miss Hill	4.30 to 7 p.m.
"	7.30 p.m.	Lines Grove	Miss Ada Wright, Chair: Miss Markwick	7.30 p.m.
"	6 p.m.	Marble Arch	Theodor Gugenheim, Esq., Chair: Miss Pearce	6 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	North Islington, corner of Hornsey and Seven Sisters Roads	Drawing-room meeting, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Hostess: Dr. H. Gordon Clarke	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	4Cl, Old Kent Road, S.E.	Miss A. N. Hicks, M.A.	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Richmond, Fire Station	Miss C. Hopkins	8 p.m.
"	4 p.m.	St. Pancras, Malden	Drawing-room Meeting, Rev. H. Williams, M.A., Chair: Miss Gilliat	4 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Queen's Crescent	Miss Elsa Myers, Miss M. D. Graham	8 p.m.
"	3 p.m.	Uxbridge, Homewood, King's Road, The Greenway	Miss Ada Wright	3 p.m.
"	3 p.m.	Woolwich, Elinor Road	Miss Margaret Wright, Chair: Mrs. Chapman	3 p.m.
Sunday, 28	3 p.m.	Battersea Park	Miss Gilliat, Chair: Miss Gutteridge	3 p.m.
"	3.30 p.m.	Brockwell Park	Miss Molly Cather, Chair: Miss Lowy	3.30 p.m.
"	5.45 p.m.	Clapham Common	Mrs. John Brindley	5.45 p.m.
"	11.30 a.m.	Baling Common	Miss Naylor	11.30 a.m.
"	3 p.m.	Gladstone Park, Dollis Hill	Mrs. Brailsford	3 p.m.
"	11.45 a.m.	Hamstead Heath	Miss Baillie-Guthrie	11.45 a.m.
"	6 p.m.	Hyde Park	Miss Myers, Chair: Miss Townsend	6 p.m.
"	7 p.m.	Kennington, Triangle	Mrs. E. L. Butler, Miss Coombs	7 p.m.
"	6.30 p.m.	Lewisham, Catford Tram Terminus	Miss Hicks	6.30 p.m.
"	3.15 p.m.	Newington Green	Mrs. Bouvier, Chair: Mrs. Debenham	3.15 p.m.
"	6 p.m.	Putney Heath	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Chair: Mrs. Huggett	6 p.m.
"	3 p.m.	Ravenscourt Park	Miss Feek, Miss M. D. Graham	3 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Regent's Park	Members Meeting, Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Streatham Common	Workers' Meeting	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Wimbledon Common	Miss Feek	8 p.m.
Monday, 29	8 p.m.	Woolwich, Beresford Square	Mrs. Robson, Miss Kinkaid	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Brondebury Hall, Iverson Road	Miss Mosecock	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Child's Hill	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Crouch End, 28, Weston Park	Mrs. Pothick Lawrence, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Fulham, Munster Road	Mrs. Keeling, Miss Fricker	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Grafton St., Tottenham Court Road	Working Party	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Hampstead Road, Cobden's Statue	Miss Richard, Chair: Miss Boulting	8 p.m.
"	12 noon	Putney, Monserrat Road	Committee Meeting	12 noon
"	8 p.m.	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.	At Home	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Stratford, The Pigeons	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Tower Bridge and Tooley Street	Miss Emily Davison	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Miss Cather, Miss Grant	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Westminster, Warwick Street and Tachbrook Street	Miss Myers, Chair: Miss Dixon	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 30	8 p.m.	Edling, 23, Churchfield Road	Members' Meeting and Speakers' Practice	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	100, Hammersmith Road, W.	Speakers' Class, Mrs. Streetfield	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Highgate, "Archway Tavern"	Social Gathering, Miss Streetfield	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Kennington, Sancerre Street	Mrs. Massey	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Kilburn, Messias Avenue	Miss Bain, Miss Nichols	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	King's Cross, Judd Street	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Hostess: Miss Beatrice Harraden	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Norfolk Place, Edgware Road	Miss Hume, Chair: Miss Barton	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Streatham, 5, Shrubbery Road	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Sydenham, 96, Kirkdale	Miss Naylor, Chair: Miss Boulting	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Walham Green, St. John's Church	Miss Seymour	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 31	8 p.m.	Grafton Street, Tottenham Court Rd.	Mrs. Brindley	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Hampstead, 3, Fitzjohn's Mansions	Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Pankhurst, Hostess: Mrs. Woodhouse	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Netherhall Gardens, At Home	Miss Billing	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Ilford Lane, Hampton Road	Mrs. Bouvier	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Islington, Highgate Corner	Rose Party	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Kilburn, 215, High Road	Miss Vera Wentworth	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Marble Arch	Laurence Housman, Esq., Mrs. Wilkinson	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Muswell Hill, near Athenaeum	Miss Richard, Miss Cox	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	New Barnet, Adult School	Miss Isabel Seymour, Hostess: Mrs. Summersby	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Old Kent Road and Tower Bridge Rd.	Mrs. Lorisignol	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	9, Park Place, St. James's Street	Miss Ada Wright	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Faddington, 50, Praed Street	Miss Canning, Chair: Mrs. Whitting	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Radlett, 3, Albans Market Square	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Walham Green, Bile Road	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Leonora Tyson	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Miss Nina Boyle, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	West Hampstead, Mill Lane	Mrs. Keeling, Chair: Miss Boulting	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Wimbledon, Compton Hall	Miss Harvey, Miss M. D. Graham	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Woolwich	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	8 p.m.
Thursday, 1	8 p.m.	Dulwich, 15, Barry Road, Drawing-room meeting	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Forbes Robertson, Miss Horniman, Mrs. Jerome K. Jerome	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	305, Fulham Road	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Hampstead Heath	Miss Hicks, Mrs. Leigh	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Hoxton, Old Street and Pitfield St.	Miss Seymour	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Pinner, Coxy Corner Tea Rooms	Miss West	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Putney, Monserrat Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss M. E. Thompson	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Streatham Common, Oakfield House	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.	Miss L. Pearce	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Westminster, Greycoat Place	Mrs. Bouvier and others	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Mrs. Bouvier, Chair: Miss McDermott	8 p.m.
Friday, 2	8 p.m.	Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly	Mrs. Fahey	8 p.m.
"	8 p.m.	Grand Hall, Acton Sea Franchise League		
"	8 p.m.	Croydon, Katherine Street		
"	8 p.m.	Deptford Broadway		
"	8 p.m.	Dulwich Library (outside)		
"	8 p.m.	Embankment, Surrey Street		
"	8 p.m.	Fulham, Shorrolds Road		
"	8 p.m.	Harlesden, Roundwood Road		
"	8 p.m.	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside)		
"	8 p.m.	High Barnet, Market Place		
"	8 p.m.	Lewisham, Lee Green		
"	8 p.m.	North Islington, Corner of Stroud Green and Hanley Roads		
"	8 p.m.	St. Pancras, Rochester and Kenish Town Roads		

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, PROCESSION.

Form up Westminster Embankment at 4.30 p.m. Start 5.30 p.m. Demonstration, Albert Hall, 6.30 p.m.
Commencing Monday, May 29, The Monday Afternoon Meeting will again be held in the Queen's Hall.

BALHAM & Tooting.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. Tyler, 16, Wootton Road, Balham.
Names of those wishing to take part in the Procession are coming in well. All Whist Drive tickets for May 27 have been sold. Many thanks to Mrs. Yorke, Mrs. Havers, Mrs. Boyd Wallace, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Ferguson, and The Misses Crawley for contributing to refreshments for that evening. Four new members have been enrolled during the week. Mrs. H. Tyler will be pleased to have orders for home-made chocolate. Profits to go to the banner fund.

BARNES.

Hon. Organiser—Miss Smith, Mrs. Keeling, 9a, High Street.
A very interesting drawing-room meeting was held last Wednesday at "The Cedars," by kind permission of Mrs. Fawcett. Miss Isabel Seymour gave an able address. Several names have been received of local members and sympathisers who will march behind the Barnes banner on June 17. It is hoped that other members will also send in their names to the organisers.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road.
Members are earnestly requested to help Mrs. Wilson in working up a good audience for Miss Seymour (see programme). Tickets will be sent to local members to dispense of. Members and readers please note change of pitch for to-night's meeting—New Barnet, not High Barnet.

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Organiser—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stoney Rd., Palmers Green.
Names are coming in well for the Procession. Members are asked to invite their friends to join the local contingent. It is a good plan for members to carry procession hand-bills with them wherever they go, especially when travelling in trams, tubes, and buses.

CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road.
Hon. Secs.—Miss Hail and Miss Blacklock.
Friday's meeting at the office was most successful. A great number of members and their friends were charmed with Mr. Percy White's lecture on "Mid Victorian Sentimentalism." A good collection was taken. Miss White and Miss Lloyd have undertaken to ask the matrons of hospitals, workhouses, &c., to put up Procession notices on their notice boards. Miss Tew is interviewing teachers, and various clubs and societies in the district are also being visited. Will members kindly come forward and help, as there is much to be done to work up these districts? Will members try and get Liberal men to write to John Burns to press the Prime Minister for facilities for the Bill? The drawing-room meeting which was fixed for June 2 is now postponed till June 9. Despite the cold afternoon, a large number of people listened to Miss Baillie-Guthrie in Battersea Park on Sunday. Miss Dugdale paid a short and unexpected visit, and members promise her a warm welcome when she comes again.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
Miss Barwell addressed a good crowd on Clapham Common on Sunday afternoon. Papers sold well, and a good collection was taken. Will those members who have promised to help elsewhere please find a substitute for the local contingent in the Procession, as it is important that Clapham should be well represented? Names should be sent in as soon as possible. Members are urged to attend to-morrow's meeting at Allival Road, to sell papers and distribute leaflets.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon
Tel. 950 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.
Open-air meetings are now in regular swing again. Will members support those in Katherine Street every Friday evening, and help by giving out bills and paper-selling? There is great need of speakers and chairmen for these meetings. Will volunteers please come forward? Members and friends are reminded of the work parties every Wednesday afternoon. (See programme.) Tea is provided at a charge of 3d. per head. Volunteers are still wanted for "England" in the Procession, to wear white and carry garlands of roses. Will members bring their friends into this scheme, as it is not necessary to be a member to take part? Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Lansdown, 1s.; Miss I. Green, 6s.; Mrs. Ingils, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Foster, 6s.; Miss L. Withall, 10s.

EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road.
Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.
The open-air meetings on the Common are a great success. A very large and interested crowd listened to Miss M. A. Coombs (speaker) and Mrs. Tidswell (chair) on Sunday. An At Home will be given on Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p.m., at the Academy of Music, 65, Uxbridge Road, Ealing (kindly lent by Wallis A. Wallis, Esq., I.S.M.). Hostess: Mrs. Florence M. Finlay, from whom tickets may be had. The energies of every member should now be turned to making the contingent for the great Procession of June 17 a success, and those who are taking part in the Pageant are asked to secure substitutes to walk under the Ealing banner.

FOREST GATE AND WEST HAM.

Office—137, Sebert Road. Organiser—Miss Jeffcott.
The open-air campaign has now commenced. Members are asked to attend and give their support. More drawing-room meetings are urgently needed. Papers for Jumble Sale will be gratefully received. Will members attend meeting at office every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.?

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—365, Fulham Road.
Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cullen and Mrs. Roberts.
Owing to ill-health, Mrs. Oliver Watts has been compelled to resign the post of meetings organiser. Three other active outdoor workers are also absent at present, so members are urged to help all they can with the heavy programme which has been arranged. Papers-sellers and bill distributors are essential at every meeting until June 17. At last week's outdoor meetings the speakers were Mrs. Cullen, Miss Feek, Miss Gilliat, Miss Richard, Miss Guthrie and Miss Elsa Myers. On Thursday afternoon, Miss E. Wylie spoke on "Herodias." The chair was taken by Mrs. Keeling, and an interesting discussion followed. Heartly thanks to Miss Townsend, who has designed a most charming banner, and to Mrs. Beall, Mrs. Keeling, Miss Chad, Miss McMurtre, and others, who have assisted Miss Townsend in carrying out her design.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD AND WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Billinghurst, 7, Oakeroff Road, Blackheath, S.E.
Two meetings were held at Woolwich on Saturday evening, when large and attentive crowds assembled to hear Miss Naylor outside the Town Hall, and Miss Elsa Myers in Elinor Street. Miss Gillford and Miss Cox in the chair respectively. Seven dozen Votes for Women were sold. On Sunday evening a most successful meeting was held at Deptford Broadway, when Mrs. Pott showed how the enfranchisement of women would benefit the State. Will members bring their friends for help at meetings now being held daily at Woolwich, where Miss M. D. Graham has opened a campaign? (See programme.) Woolwich headquarters are temporarily at 28, Woolwich Common. Friends and sympathisers who wish to join the Procession should send in their names at once, as a break will be chartered, and it is necessary to know how many will be required. Jumble articles and subscriptions to the Banner Fund will be most welcome.

meetings the audience was appreciative and sympathetic. Mrs. Harverson's account of the effect of the vote in New Zealand was listened to with great interest, and all were impressed with Miss Joachim's moving speech. The Misses Wedgewood advertised Mrs. Lawrence's meeting by riding on horseback with posters through the town on Saturday morning. During this display 42 copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* were sold in the street.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—57, John Bright Street. Tel., 1443 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

For all Midland travelling arrangements for the Procession on June 17, see page 561. There are only a few Albert Hall tickets now for sale. Many thanks to Mr. Boughton and other friends for their delightful concert.

Wednesday, May 31.—Stratford Road Schools, Miss G. H. Hazel and play "How the Vote was Won," 8 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1715 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

The unveiling of the banner will take place at the Girls' Friendly Society's Room, in St. Martin's, on June 12. Members are asked to make this known as far as possible. Admission will be by programme (6d. each), to be procured beforehand. There will be tea and coffee, and members are invited to send in promises of cakes, biscuits, or sandwiches. Mrs. Pemberton Peake has very kindly undertaken to get up a little play, "The Englishwoman's Home," and promises of other enjoyable entertainment have been received. Contributions toward the cost of banner will be gladly received by Mrs. Peake. A few Albert Hall tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., are now available. It is hoped that, even if members are not going to London, they will walk behind the new banner to the Leicester Station from the shop. Will all those who want railway tickets please communicate with the organiser without delay? If the tickets are booked beforehand, accommodation will be reserved on the train—not otherwise.

Friday, May 26.—Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30.—Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 to 6 p.m.

Melton Turn, Open-air Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

Friday, June 2.—Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 to 6 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—5, Carlton Street. Tel., 4511.

Fen. Secs.—Miss C. M. Burgess, B.A., Miss Wallis. Members will be delighted to hear of the splendid financial success of the Pageant of Women. £20 clear profit being made. The beautiful new Procession banner is estimated to cost at least £5, and subscriptions are needed at once. The banner will be unveiled at a garden at home to be given by kind invitation of Mrs. and Miss S. Hutchinson at 5, Cavendish Crescent South, The Park, on Friday June 9, at 5 p.m. Members wishing for invitations should apply to the Shop. Only a very few Albert Hall tickets are now left, and those wishing to join should apply immediately to Miss Roberts. Will any member living outside Nottingham, willing to get up an open-air meeting in her district, please communicate with the organisers. Monday, May 29.—Mapperley, Breck Hill Road, Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEST BROMWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Brockhouse, Lawnside, Hill Top.

A successful meeting was held in the Carnegie Lecture Hall on May 18, Mr. H. Brockhouse presiding. Miss Gladys Hazel, of Birmingham, was the speaker. After speeches a sketch was given by mem-

bers, entitled "How Oranston was Converted to Militant Tactics and Boycotted the Census." Mrs. Brockhouse and Miss Ryland, who arranged the meeting, made a huge success of the business.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen Boswell, 117, Dunstall Road. Wednesday, May 31.—Bilston, Open-air, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1.—Market Place, 8 p.m.

West of England.

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

A successful open-air meeting was held at Twerton on Friday. Papers sold well. Arrangements for June 17 are progressing. Railway fare (return) will be 5s. 6d., so it is hoped that many sympathisers will take part. Dr. Mary Morris has kindly consented to have an At Home for nurses, when she will take the chair, and Mrs. Mansel will speak about the Procession. Gratefully acknowledged towards cost of shop trestle-table: Miss Wykes 1s., Miss Phillips 1s., the Misses Wratelaw 1s., Mrs. Mansel 1s., also gift of home-made oak polish and hairwash, from Mrs. Hart. Letters are going up from supporters of all parties in Bath pressing for facilities for the Bill.

Friday, May 26.—Shop, At Home, 4 p.m. Combe Down, Top of Carriage Drive, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 1.—19, Gay Street, At Home to Nurses, Mrs. Mansel. Hostess: Dr. Mary Morris, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 2.—Twerton, Lorne Road, 8 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—17, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1345. Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Thanks to all helpers for the splendid way they have brought pressure to bear on M.P.s. Please remember: (1) To get all supporters of Woman Suffrage to write to M.P.s urging them to settle the question early. (2) Rouse up men and women to join in the demonstration on June 17. Those who have not secured Albert Hall tickets should write to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, 4, Clements Inn. Secretaries in outlying districts: Are you doing all you can to organise a good contingent? For information write to Miss Annie Kenney. (3) Help to canvass municipal women, the future Parliamentary voters. (4) Send contributions for the Jumble Sale to Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 7, Alexandra Road, Clifton. (5) Help the cause financially. Expenses have been very heavy lately owing to the critical stage of our Bill, and the organiser is obliged therefore to make a special appeal. Give as much as you can. (6) Join the next deputation, if one is made necessary by disloyal or dishonourable tactics of the Government.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Office—2, Oriel Road, Cheltenham. Tel. 1071.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

Many thanks to Miss Beatrice Harnden, who delighted her two audiences with the reading of her play, "Lady Geraldine's Speech," on Tuesday last, and to Mrs. Kerwood, who also spoke at both meetings. Many new members were made. The organiser appeals to each one to increase the sale of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. Each member is asked to be present at the final members' meeting (see below), at which a local committee will be elected to carry on the work during the organiser's absence. Volunteers for the next deputation (should one be necessary) should send their names without delay to Miss Christabel Pankhurst. A few seats are left in the Albert Hall box, prices 2s. 6d. each. Friday, May 26.—Clarence Lamp, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27.—Bedford Lodge, College Road, Members' Meeting. Hostess: Mrs. Ferguson, 5.30 p.m. Friday, June 2.—Clarence Lamp, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.



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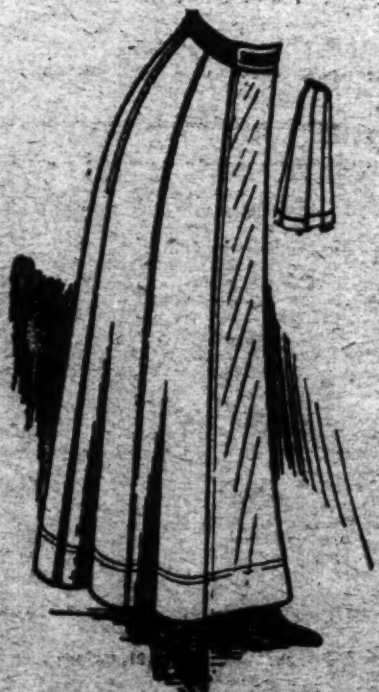
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Members and sympathisers who wish to take part in the Procession of June 17 must send in their names at once to the hon. sec., from whom all particulars can be had.

WEST WILTS.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Dove-Wilcox; Miss B. Gramlick, 50, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

Members should give their undivided attention between now and June 17 to working the banner and advertising the Procession by giving away handbills or chalking pavements. Will a sympathiser lend a dog-cart for the purpose of advertising the Procession and excursion?

Wales.

Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, 104, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

Will members please notice that the headquarters for South Wales has been transferred from Newport to Cardiff? The organiser is at home to members and friends every Friday, from 4 to 7. For train arrangements for June 17, see elsewhere. The organiser would be very glad if members in Cardiff or the neighbourhood will arrange drawing-room meetings at which she can speak. These meetings may be quite small. She also hopes this time a great many Welshwomen will go on the deputation to Mr. Asquith should one be necessary. Names should be sent in to Miss Barrett without delay.

Tuesday, May 30.—Penarth, 92, Westbourne Road. Drawing-room meeting. Mrs. Brailsford. Hostess: Mrs. Corbett. 3 p.m. Cardiff, Whitehall Room, Park Hotel, Mrs. Brailsford. Chair: Miss Barrett. 8 p.m.

NEWPORT.

Office—14, Clarence Place, Newport. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.

Owing to pressure of office work the Jumble Sale has had to be postponed for a short time. Date will be announced later. Thanks to all members who have sent articles in. Will all members make a point of telling their friends of Mrs. Brailsford's meeting on May 31, as the meeting is not being advertised by posters or handbills?

Wednesday, May 31.—Newport, Lecture Hall, Central Hall, Mrs. Brailsford, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1.—Caerion, Llansor, Drawing-room meeting. Mrs. Brailsford. Hostess: Mrs. Mackworth. 3.30 p.m. Pontypool, open-air meeting. Mrs. Brailsford, 7.30 p.m.

Eastern Counties.

GLAUCON-ON-SEA.

Shop—47, Rosemary Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.

Miss Wentworth held two open-air meetings on Saturday, and addressed large crowds. An At Home has been arranged for June 2, at Holland House. Speaker: Mrs. Massey. Recitations by Miss Winifred Mayo. Chair: T. Lilley, Esq., J.P. The same speakers, with the addition of the Rev. T. H. Curling, will again address an evening meeting in the schoolroom at St. Oyth. Will members who are able to act as stewards send in their names to the secretary?

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—2a, Princess Street, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Rea, 12, Mill Street, Ipswich. Cop Sec.—Miss King.

During the Women's Industrial Exhibition, at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe, last week, in return for Mr.

Napier Prentice very kindly lending part of his stall for the sale of literature, local members undertook to demonstrate cooking every day with his electric apparatus. Under the leadership of Miss Margaret Fison, this was most ably carried out at the Exhibition. Many thanks to Mrs. Pollitt, Mrs. Gilling, Mrs. Cowles, Miss Hooper, Mrs. Heston, Mrs. Burch, and all who helped to make the week such a success. Arrangements are going forward for the Eastern Counties contingent for the June Procession: several members unable to march themselves are sending the money for a substitute, and the organiser hopes that any member finding herself similarly placed will write to her at once, and offer to help in this valuable way. Miss Ada Ridley is undertaking to design the necessary banners, which will be carried out with the help of Miss Margaret Fison.

North-Eastern Counties.

BARNESLEY.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) Mrs. Wardell, 13, Princess Street. It has been decided to hold an open-air demonstration on June 15 on the Churchfields. An open-air meeting will be held weekly until then.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Office—65, Manningham Lane. Phone 3035. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Beldon, 9, Walmer Villas. Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Hardy Behrens.

A splendid outdoor meeting was held on Thursday evening, when a large crowd of men and women listened to Mrs. Potter, who spoke on the present position of the Bill. By kind permission of Miss Gregson and Miss Rendall, a nurses' meeting was held on Friday evening. Dr. Margaret Dobson was in the chair, and Miss Campbell spoke on "The Historical Side of the Women's Movement." The nurses were very interested, and it is hoped to do still more work in this direction. Thanks to Dr. Margaret Sharp for giving the tea on Monday, which was much appreciated. A large number of members and friends were present. Members should send in their names for the Procession as soon as possible to Mrs. Bompas. Monday, May 29.—Afternoon Tea, Hostess: Mrs. Sutcliffe, 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 31.—Whetley Hill, Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

HULL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

At a members' meeting on Wednesday, May 17, on an appeal from Miss Adela Pankhurst, £15 was promised towards an office. The organiser will be grateful for further promises, as on inquiry she finds the rents are about £25 to £30. Miss Adela Pankhurst also addressed large and sympathetic open-air meetings on Thursday, May 18. Those intending to join the great Procession on June 17 should send in their names at once, in order that arrangements may be completed.

Tuesday, May 30.—Lecture Hall, At Home, 3 p.m.; Miss Adela Pankhurst, 7.30 p.m.

LEEDS.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 65, Great George Street.

Workers turned out splendidly for paper-selling, and a roaring trade was done on Tuesday at the Church Socialist League Conference; Thursday, at the Y.M.C.A. Convention; and Friday, at the Town's meeting in favour of arbitration. Only one tax-taker and one balcony ticket for the Albert Hall remain. The organiser will still be glad to have the names of those who wish to walk in the Procession. Last Monday evening Miss Thompson arranged a little informal gathering of nurses to meet the organiser, and a most interesting hour of discussion was spent. Promises of

monthly subscriptions, collected by Miss Sedman, are most gratefully acknowledged, as follows:—Mrs. Hyde, 6d.; Miss M. Fearnside, 6d.; Miss Halliday, 6d.; Miss Dodds, 6d.; Mrs. Yates, 6d.; Miss Thompson, 6d.; Miss Pryor, 6d.; Miss Walker, 1s.; Miss Lloyd, 6d.; Miss Kennedy, 2s.; Mrs. Perkins, 2s.; Miss Sedman, 6d.; Miss Titterton, 1s.; Mrs. Reynolds, 1s.; Mrs. Springle, 10d.; profit on Albert Hall tickets, 8d.; 6s. 6d. is still wanted to complete this.

Monday, May 29.—Albion Hall, Albion Place, F. W. Pethick Lawrence Esq., Dr. Marion Mackenzie, Chair: Dr. Eleanor Springle, 8 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams.

The organiser hopes that many members and sympathisers will be able to join the Procession on June 17. Will members volunteer for the deputation should one be necessary? They should communicate at once with the organiser. Outdoor meetings have been held during the week at Jarrow and Annfield Plain by the organiser. Miss Violet Taylor, Miss Eden and Mrs. Crow. A successful meeting for women was also held at Mrs. Crow's house. The first open-air meeting in Sunderland will be held on Thursday, June 15. Mrs. Kennaway, of Cramlington, is busy arranging a garden meeting by ticket for Saturday, June 2. Miss Mildred Atkinson gave a very clear and instructive account on Wednesday of "How Men Won their Political Liberty." The organiser appeals most earnestly for paper-sellers in Newcastle, and all places where meetings are being held. The organiser's address is now 9, Lowaine Terrace.

Friday, May 26.—Benton, Drawing-room meeting. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Parsons, Miss Annie Williams. Hostess: Mrs. Burns, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Mrs. Taylor, 3.30 and 7.30 p.m.
Friday, June 2.—South Shields, Victoria Hall, Miss Williams and others, 8 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Shop: 30, Huntriss Row.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Sumfield, 13, New Queen Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.
Mr. G. K. Jones's speech on Slum Life and Women's Suffrage was much appreciated. Volunteers are wanted for taking care of the shop. Will members, if unable to be on duty at any time, kindly arrange a substitute? The secretary will be glad to take the names of any sympathisers or members of other societies who intend walking in the Procession of June 17. Also names for a deputation if necessary. It is proposed to hold a Walsauntide campaign, when Miss Adela Pankhurst will be over. Any one willing to help in advertising, speaking, chalking, please send in their names.
Wednesday, June 1.—39, Huntriss Row, Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.
Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Archdale.
Shop—26, Chapel Walk, Sheffield.
Tel.: Broomhill 449.
During the past week open-air meetings have been held in Barnsley, Burngreave Vestry Hall and in the Market Place, Doncaster, the speakers being Miss Adela Pankhurst and Mrs. Archdale. A Jumble Sale,

organised by Miss Schuster, was held in Trippet Lane on May 20, and realised £8. Miss Schuster is starting a library at 28, Chapel Walk, for the use of members and friends. Will all those who have books to send kindly do so soon? Thanks to all those who helped at the Jumble Sale and those who so generously contributed to the funds. A meeting has been arranged for June 12, at Endcliffe Hall, at which Mr. Himseliff, of the Church League, will speak. Time, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 26.—Thompson Road, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, May 27.—Millhouses Tram Terminus, 3.30 p.m.; Doncaster, Market Place, 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31.—Burngreave Vestry Hall, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 1.—Walkley Tram Terminus.

YORK.

Office—2, New Street. Organiser—Miss Kay Jones.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Conliffe, 33, Melbourne Street.
Will stewards and helpers for Miss Adela Pankhurst's week's campaign beginning June 5, please send in their names at once? A motor car is still wanted for two open-air meetings on June 6 and 9. A drive and picnic is being organised for June 10, and speeches will be made after tea. Tickets 1s. 6d. Those who intend joining the Procession on June 17 should apply at once for particulars.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, 8.

Members should make a point of being present at meeting (see below). Will all members wishing to join the Procession on June 17 please communicate with Miss Davies at once? A motor car is still wanted for two open-air meetings on June 6 and 9. A drive and picnic is being organised for June 10, and speeches will be made after tea. Tickets 1s. 6d. Those who intend joining the Procession on June 17 should apply at once for particulars.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.

A members' meeting took place on Friday night last, when several members and friends promised to join in the Procession on June 17. Will all members try to be present at the meeting on Tuesday next?
Tuesday, May 30, Talbot's Restaurant, members' meeting, 8 p.m.

HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 84, Lock Road, Altrincham.
A very successful "Sale of Work" was held last Saturday at Mrs. Yates', Oldhurst, Harrop Road, Hale. The Sale realised £12 8s. 10d. Mrs. Yates deserves heartfelt thanks for the time and work she is giving to the movement. Miss Williamson, B.A., was the speaker.

LANCASHIRE.

Head Office—17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester.
Tel.: 1816 Central. Organiser—Miss Stephenson.
Each member should definitely endeavour to bring in a new member to the Union every month. Mrs. Aldridge has kindly consented to speak on "Trades Unions and Women" on Friday next. Open-air meetings are being held regularly. More stewards and paper-sellers are needed for these occasions. An amateur dramatic club for the performance of Suffrage plays has been formed. Intending members should send in their names to Miss Hughes at once. Paper-selling goes ahead. Sellers are needed for the evenings

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Friday, May 26.—Manchester, 23, John Dalton Street, Mr. Henry Austin's Studio, Dramatic Performance, 8 p.m.; Carlton Club, M.P.U. open-air meeting, Miss Hughes.

Monday, May 29.—Tib Street and Market Street, Miss A. Rose, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Miss Stephenson, 3-5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31.—17, St. Ann's Square, Speakers' Class, 6.45-8 p.m.

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Thursday, June 1.—Fallowfield, Corner of Moseley Road, Miss Capper, Miss Brannon, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 2.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Mrs. Aldridge, 7.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street. Tel. 5761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davies.

Miss Adela Pankhurst's informing and inspiring speech on the political situation was keenly appreciated last Friday, and the Renshaw Room crowded. Members are looking forward to hearing Mrs. Allan Tracy on June 2, subject: "Things we Ought to Know." This will be the last meeting before the great Procession, and all arrangements will be discussed.

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STOCKPORT AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Smith, "Salwood," Bramhall Lane, Davenport.

A meeting of members and friends was held at "Salwood," Davenport, on May 18. Miss Hughes, of Manchester, addressed the meeting, and it was decided that a local union should be formed. Mrs. Smith was appointed hon. sec., Mrs. W. Harrison, hon. treasurer, and Miss Hillman, votes for women secretary. Mrs. Pearson, 2, Hert Bank, Davenport Park, kindly offered her drawing-room for a meeting to be held on June 1, from 3 to 5 p.m., at which Miss Hughes will speak. An earnest appeal is made to all members to be present at this meeting, and to bring friends to them.

URMSTON AND FLITTON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Massey, Fern Cottage, Flitton.

Miss Hughes spent from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening in Urmston and Flitton for the purpose of forming a local union. Out-door meetings are to be held, and a Jumble Sale is to take place shortly. Mrs. Gray, of "Westward Ho," has kindly promised to give a garden party early in July. All members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings, and help in selling the paper and stewarding.

Scotland.

AYTON AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Mary M. Wilson, Rose Cottage.

A meeting was held on Monday, May 8, at which it was decided to start a local branch and hold meetings every three weeks. The first meeting on Saturday, May 20, was most successful. Miss Freeman, who had been conducting a week's tour in Scotland, addressed the members, and both she and the chairman, Miss McLaren, impressed upon their hearers the necessity of working at this critical time. The roll of membership is increasing steadily, and members hope to aid the Edinburgh workers by sending helpers to the villages round about during the summer months.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—51, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser-Smith, M.A., Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

On May 16, the last weekly meeting of the season proved one of the most successful. Many strangers were present, and all were deeply impressed by Miss Freeman's account of the evils of the living-in system. Three very encouraging open-air meetings were held last week. At the suggestion of some shop-assistants, a meeting is being arranged for them. As this meeting will be by invitation, the organisers ask members to send her names and addresses of any shop-assistants in whom they may be interested. Members intending to take part in the Procession on June 17 are asked to send in their names as soon as possible. Friday, May 26.—Invergowrie, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27.—Market Stall, 2 to 10 p.m. Monday, May 29.—Leuchars, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—5, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, B.A., Tel.: 6189 Central.

Miss Elizabeth Freeman spoke last week in Edinburgh, Leith, Kelso, Jedburgh, and Ayrton. Miss Mitchell and Miss Morris carried on at the same time an open-air campaign in the Borders. Progress has been made in this difficult district. On Saturday a very successful Jumble Sale was held in Dalry Road; very warm thanks to Mrs. Charlton for her hard work and excellent management. Hereafter, till further notice, Thursday afternoon meetings will be discontinued, but at home will be held every Thursday evening during the summer.

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Coatbridge was visited on Monday and Miss Gibb chaired most successfully. Votes for Women was sold out, and a very large number of cards were sent to Mr. Asquith. At Port Glasgow Mrs. White took the chair, and many cards were again signed. The meetings at Wishaw and Springburn, where Miss Underwood and Miss MacLean took the chair, were equally well attended and sympathetic. The Miss McPhersons and Mrs. John are most zealous and indefatigable in helping at all these meetings. The organisers draw the attention of those who are joining the Procession to the fact that Thursday to Monday tickets are available by the Caledonian Railway at 27s. (also available for eight days), and 16-day tickets at 37s. 6d. are valid to return any day up to 16 days.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elucidation Mistress—Miss Rosa Lio, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A great many new speakers have joined the last two classes, and all are showing a marked improvement. There is still room for as many more as can avail themselves of this opportunity of learning to speak. The subject for to-night's class will again be the "Movement up to Date, and the Procession of June 17," and it is hoped that everyone will have full details by heart.

RULES.

1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
2. The Class is held at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday, 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

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Organising Secretary: Miss Joan Dagdale. Our next at home on Friday, June 2, in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant, at 5 p.m., will be quite an occasion, for we shall have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Forbes Robertson, that sterling supporter of our League, whose inspiring speeches are always such a delight to their hearers. We want to give him and Mrs. Forbes Robertson, our President, a great welcome, so hope members will come and show how the Actresses' Franchise League has grown during his absence in America. The other speakers are: Mrs. Fankhurst, Miss Hutchinson, and Mr. Jerome K. Jerome. As it will probably be "Redes Full" directly the doors are opened, those wishing to attend are advised to come early. Admission free. Those still unconvinced specially welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Hon. Organiser—Miss Emma Whately, 17, Harcourt Terrace, The Solihull, W.

All Catholic men and women are asked to join this Society at once, as we are to walk under our own banner in the Procession of June 17, and must have a great rally. Pamphlets are now on sale, price one penny. A meeting is to be held at the Kensington Town Hall, on Saturday, June 10, at 8 p.m. (admission free, but a limited number of seats are reserved, price one shilling). Apply early.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Ancient Concert Buildings, St. Brunswood Street, Dublin.

By the death of Mrs. Fletton (sister of Mrs. Cousins, Hon. Treas.) the League has lost one of its most ardent workers. She acted as literary secretary during the last year until overtaken by what proved a fatal illness. She arranged most of the social functions held by the League, as well as the propagandist dramatic performances given last year, in which her graceful acting was one of the chief attractions. Her musical talent was always at the disposal of the League at At Home, and her charming and sympathetic personality will be sadly missed by her fellow-workers. A wreath in the colours of the Irish Women's Franchise League was laid upon the grave of their comrade by some members of the committee.

Warrenpoint.—This branch, formed after the successful public meetings of February last, held another public meeting on April 11th. The speakers were Miss Chenevix, of Dublin, and Dr. S. H. Mellone, M.A., D.Sc., of Edinburgh, and the chair was taken by Dr. Elliot, of Rossvor. Although the movement in this neighbourhood is comparatively new, the branch numbers 38 members and three associates, while the April meeting, though held only two months after the previous one, was a complete success in regard to numbers and enthusiasm. Another evidence of this success was afforded by the action of the Warrenpoint Urban Council, which last Monday passed, unanimously, a resolution approving of Sir George Kemp's Bill.

A report of the annual meeting is unavoidably crowded out.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman. Office—8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).

As a result of the special canvas of Knightsbridge and district to advertise the Tuesday At Home and Procession, Mrs. Cecil Chapman has been invited to address a gathering at the Workrooms' Association, Chelsea. On Tuesday, May 30, Mr. Laurence Houseman will speak at the At Home on "The Womanly Woman." Mrs. Geoffrey St. Aubyn will be hostess. Members are specially urged to make this meeting a great success. The Summer Sale and strawberry and cream tea has been fixed for Tuesday, June 13. Suitable gifts will be welcome. It is hoped that some working women may be able to walk with this contingent if they are helped in the matter of fares. This can only be done if others will subscribe to make it possible. Funds urgently needed.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W. As a result of the May Mission campaign eight new branches are now in formation, in some instances with a membership of 40. The total membership is now nearing 1,500. Thanks to those speakers who addressed meetings and to the helpers who stewarded and distributed handbills. All efforts must now be made in the direction of the great Procession on June 17. Branches are asked to assemble their friends and members under their own banners. This contingent will be headed by the Labour and large banner. Those who are desirous of taking part but who cannot undertake to walk the whole distance should write at once to Mrs. Hinchcliff, who will arrange that seats may be hired in carriages and brakes. Donations are asked to help to meet the necessary expenses which will have to be incurred in order to ensure success. Tickets for the meeting in the small Town Hall, Kensington, are now on sale, price 1s.

MEETING AT BEXHILL.

A very successful drawing-room meeting was held at the Sackville Hotel, by the invitation of Mrs. Sydney Kent, on Thursday, May 11. There was a very appreciative audience of about 187 people, who followed the speeches attentively, and seemed much interested. Mrs. Strickland was in the chair, and the speakers were Miss Helen Ogden and Rev. E. A. Conliver. Tea followed at the end of the speeches, when several lively discussions were carried on among groups of animated people, who seemed anxious to learn more about the movement. Several people joined one or other of the Suffrage societies.

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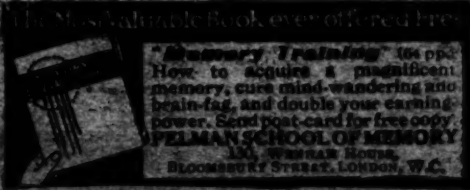
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